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Jonathan Simpson was fired in an MPD Merit Board vote Thursday. (Courier file photo)

Detective Simpson disputes facts in firing

By MARK CAMPBELL
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The City of Madison's Police Merit Board voted 3-1 Thursday night to terminate Madison Police Detective Jonathan Simpson after an Indiana State Police investigation and three closed-door hearings dating back to when he was placed on paid administrative leave in August 2018.

The city had presented two findings of fact in the case, which the Merit Board voted to accept in making its decision to terminate Simpson's employment with the city.

The first stated that Simpson had "previous romantic or sexual relationships" with two women who were "a witness, informant, source of information, bystander, suspect or participant" in criminal cases investigated by Simpson or the Madison Police Department and failed to inform the police chief or prosecutor.

The second accused Simpson of failing to follow police department policies and procedures in the filing of charges and processing of evidence in a December 2017 drug and weapons arrest involving a previously convicted felon. The allegation included not charging the man and failing to log in evidence for about six months.

"I am disappointed in the decision the board made and I believe there are strong arguments to be made on appeal, and I plan to appeal this decision quickly," Simpson said while commenting on the arguments in a phone interview Friday. Neither Simpson, nor his attorney, was at the meeting Thursday night.

In its vote, the Merit Board agreed 3-1 that Simpson had "exhibited conduct unbecoming of an officer by his failure to disclose the alleged

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LOCAL GOODS TO HELP CHINA

Susan Zhang of Hong Kong Kitchen bags face masks to be sent to doctors treating coronavirus in her home city of Fuzhou, Fujian. The rapid spread of the virus has put a strain on protective supplies for doctors and medical staff in China. (Courier staff photo by Collin Overton) For more, see www.wkmnews.com

Hong Kong Kitchen gathering masks to send to China to help fight the virus

By COLLIN OVERTON
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As the coronavirus continues to ripple throughout China and the rest of the world, the owners of Hong Kong Kitchen in downtown Madison are working to send supplies back home.

Officially declared a global health emergency Thursday by the World Health Organization, more than 8,000 cases and 170 deaths related to the virus have been confirmed since it was first recorded in Wuhan, China, in December. So far, 82 cases in 18 different countries have been recorded.

Susan Zhang was packing up face masks at the restaurant Wednesday to send to friends — some of whom work in hospitals — in her hometown of Fuzhou, the capital city of Fujian Province in southeastern China.

"I have people that I know [at home] that are doctors, and I'm worried about them more than my grandmas and my aunts because they stay away from the hospitals," Zhang said.

Many of those friends have waited on call and worked through the week-long Chinese New Year holiday to stay ready, she said.

A map from Johns Hopkins University's Center for Systems Science and Engineering tracking the virus showed 101 cases recorded in Fuijan, and Zhang says only a handful of people in Fuzhou have been diagnosed. But if that number grows, she wants her friends to be ready. The virus has put a strain on supplies in Wuhan and prompted many outside China to donate, including UNICEF, who recently donated six metric tons of protective equipment.

Zhang's immediate goal is 1,500 face masks, but she aims to get more if possible. The type most in-demand by hospital workers are the 3M 1860 masks, but they're sold out at most retailers, she said. She had just spent $250 on another type of 3M mask — the N95 — at Lowe's, and said they were sold out on Amazon and a few other retailers.

Altogether plus cost of shipping, she said the restaurant expects to spend more than $1,000 to get supplies to Fuzhou.

Zhang moved to the United States in 2005 when she was 10 years old, a few years after her parents started Hong Kong Kitchen in 2002. She's been back to Fuzhou a few times since to visit family and attend a student program and gets updates on how they're staying safe from the virus. Most are avoiding public spaces and ordering their groceries to be delivered, she said.

"My friends in the neighborhoods, they're all staying home right now. Nobody wants to get out of the house," Zhang said.

Anyone willing to donate N95 masks, plus additional supplies like protective suits, disinfectants, surgical caps and gloves can drop them off at the restaurant, she said. That way, the family can ship supplies all at once and avoid more shipping costs.

Cummins issues travel ban for employees

(Columbus) The Republic

Cummins Inc. has issued a ban for its employees to travel to Wuhan, China, where the company has several plants serving the company's fuel systems and power systems businesses.

Company spokesman Jon Mills said earlier this week that the travel ban was consistent with restrictions that had been put in place in Wuhan and that the company had no confirmed cases of the new type of coronavirus among its employees.

Cummins has at least three facilities in Wuhan, including the East Asia Research and Development Center, Wuhan Genset Plant and Wuhan Fuel Systems Plant, according to the company's website. Overall, the company has 30 facilities in China, employing more than 9,000 people in the region, the company's website states.

Accused school employee had been Trimble sub teacher

By COLLIN OVERTON
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Alexandra Lawhorn, the Trimble County Schools employee accused this week of having an innapropriate relationship with a student, was hired as an instructional assistant in September and spent time as a substitute chemistry teacher, Superintendent Jessica Wilcoxson said Friday.

Lawhorn, 23, was arrested and charged with two counts of tampering with physical evidence and two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor after Kentucky State Police opened an investigation Monday. The investigation is ongoing.

High school principal Tracy Poe notified Wilcoxson on Monday that she had received information alleging the misconduct, according to a statement released by the school corporation Thursday. Wilcoxson then notified KSP Post 5 in Campbellsburg and removed Lawhorn from the premises before state troopers spent the day investigating at the school. Lawhorn resigned the next day.

Wilcoxson said police "have all that they need to be able to continue on as far as I know."

Lawhorn had earned a bachelor of arts degree in general studies from Eastern Kentucky University in May, where she had studied since 2014, according to Kristi Middleton, EKU's chief external affairs officer. Lawhorn is a 2014 graduate of Trimble County High School.

She was hired at the junior/senior high school to be an instructional assistant and was also certified to substitute teach, Wilcoxson said. She substitute taught a chemistry class before the district found a sub with science qualifications and placed Lawhorn in the front office of the building to fill in for another employee who had just resigned.

No one has been hired in her place and the school corporation will discuss that at a later time, Wilcoxson said.

"We have more instructional assistants that serve at the high school, and so we're able to move instructional assistants around to cover the areas that need to be covered," she said.

State police said Lawhorn turned herself in, posted a $500 cash bond and was released.

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Holcomb OKs unexpected state revenue to go to colleges

Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — The governor has signed off on a plan for spending $291 million in unexpected state tax revenue on college campus construction projects after legislative Republicans rebuffed Democratic attempts to direct at least some of that money toward school funding. Gov. Eric Holcomb's office said he signed the bill Wednesday. Holcomb had first proposed in July the plan for using the extra money toward paying cash for several building projects that were part of the two-year state budget adopted in April, rather than borrowing money. Holcomb said in a statement that the plan ensures the state remains "remains the fiscal envy of the nation by saving Hoosier taxpayers more than $135 million in borrowing costs." Republicans who dominate the Legislature have repeatedly defended the 2.5% per-year increase in school funding included in the current state budget. They say it provides significant progress toward boosting teacher pay and protects the state's $2.3 billion in cash reserves. Republicans unanimously rejected a variety of Democratic proposals to increase school funding as the bill was passed in the first three weeks of the 10-week legislative session — and after several thousand teachers joined a boisterous statehouse rally in November citing stagnant salaries as a top concern. The construction projects included in the spending plan include $73 million toward a new veterinary hospital at Purdue University and various building plans at Indiana University, Ball State University, Indiana State University, the University of Southern Indiana and Ivy Tech State College in Columbus.

Bill to mandate school lead tests clears House

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill from State Rep. Carolyn B. Jackson (D-Hammond) today that would mandate schools statewide to test their waters for lead and copper contamination has cleared the House. HB1265 would require testing for lead and copper in the drinking water of every school in the state before January 2023. The state has received a federal grant that will cover the costs of lead testing. This testing requirement would be satisfied, however, if the facility already has tested for compliance with federal water standards since 2016. "The threat of lead contamination in our kids' water is increasing every day," Jackson said. "That has to change, and it has to change now." According to the bill, if it is found that there is a presence of lead that is equal to or greater than the federal action level of 15 parts per billion, then the operators of that facility must take steps to correct the matter and reduce that number to safer levels. "In recent times, there has been increased awareness of the problems being caused by disrepair and old age in these schools," Jackson added. "There have been problems in both Hammond and East Chicago, and I am sure that is only the tip of the iceberg." House Bill 1265 passed the House 89-2.

Suit against schools in swim coach case

INDIANAPOLIS — A woman whose former high school swim coach is now imprisoned for sexually exploiting her while she was a member of the swim team has sued, alleging that Carmel Clay Schools and the district's high school swim coach, Chris Plumb, failed to protect her from the abuse. John Goelz, a former swim coach at Carmel High School, pleaded guilty last year to sexually exploiting the then-17-year-old student athlete and to possessing child pornography. Goetz, 31, is now serving a more than 16-year sentence in federal prison. The victim, now 18, filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis alleging her sexual exploitation continued despite warnings that Goelz was having inappropriate relationships with female swimmers. The lawsuit alleges that the district and Plumb failed to protect her from Goelz, who "savagely and repeatedly raped and sodomized" her. Courtney Taylor, a Carmel Clay Schools District spokeswoman, said the district is aware of the lawsuit but hasn't received a copy of it yet.

Court declines 100-year molestation review

JEFFERSONVILLE — The Indiana Supreme Court has declined to take up the case of a man sentenced to 100 years in prison for molesting 20 children while working at a YMCA and at an elementary school. The high court's Jan. 23 decision denying a hearing to Michael Begin, 20, effectively ends the southern Indiana man's bid for a sentence reduction, the News and Tribune reported. Begin pleaded guilty last year to 20 counts of child molestation and was sentenced by a Clark County judge to the maximum 120-year sentence, with the final 20 years to be served on probation. Prosecutors said the Jeffersonville man's young victims were between the ages of 3 and 8. Begin appealed his sentence last May, with his attorney arguing that Begin's 100-year sentence was essentially a life sentence for a man with no prior criminal record facing non-homicide charges. But the Indiana Court of Appeals rejected that request in October, citing the nature of Begin's crimes in a ruling which stated that "Begin's offenses had a devastating effect on his young victims, who continue to suffer from his actions in a variety of ways." Begin's attorney said after that ruling that he planned to ask the state Supreme Court to take up the case, based largely on the facts surrounding his client's age. Begin was found to have molested about half of his victims when he was 17, and the remainder in the months after he turned 18.

Guilty plea in 2 Crown Point deaths

CROWN POINT — A man on Thursday pleaded guilty but mentally ill in the 2016 strangulation death of a radio personality and her daughter. James Lohnes, 48, of Crown Point pleaded guilty to two counts of involuntary manslaughter and a count of auto theft. Video surveillance show him walking with Velia Taneff, 86, before she and daughter Lana Taneff, 63, were found dead Jan. 17, 2016, at Velia Taneff's property in Calumet Township. Lohnes was arrested a week later in Ohio, driving Velia Taneff's auto. In response to prosecutor's questions, Lohnes admitted he was mentally ill and not taking his medications when he killed the two women. He told Judge Samuel Cappas he was taking medication as part of his treatment at the Lake County Jail and they helped him understand court proceedings. The plea of guilty but mentally ill means Lohnes will be evaluated and could be placed in a state mental health facility for part of his sentence. Cappas scheduled an April 3 sentencing hearing.

Kentucky

U.S. mining deaths in 2019, lowest ever

LOUISVILLE — Two dozen people died in mining accidents in the United States last year, the lowest nationwide total ever recorded, according to the Department of Labor. Among them were 11 deaths in coal mines, including four in West Virginia and four in Kentucky, according to data from the Mine Safety and Health Administration. The coal mine total matched the tally from 2018. The mine safety agency said it was reviewing two other deaths that could add to the total of 24. "The low number of mining deaths last year demonstrates that mine operators have become more proactive in eliminating safety hazards. But I believe we can do even better," said David Zatezalo, who heads the mine safety agency. Pennsylvania had two coal mining deaths in 2019, and there was one in Illinois. Coal fatalities have dropped drastically over the last decade, in part because of a decline in Appalachian mining. Coal employment in that region, mostly concentrated in Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia, was nearly cut in half between 2011 and 2018. The lowest U.S. coal death total ever recorded was eight in 2016. There were about 250,000 miners at work in about 12,000 metal and nonmetal mines in the U.S. in 2019, and about 83,000 miners working in 1,000 coal mines.

Louisville airport marks number of passengers

LOUISVILLE — The number of travelers taking flights at the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport last year set a record, officials said. The airport announced in a statement Thursday that 2019 was its busiest year yet with 4.2 million passengers. That's nearly 300,000 more than it had in 2000, when there were 3.9 million passengers. "Exceeding the 4 million mark is something we are very proud of and is a new milestone for our airport," said Dan Mann, executive director of the Louisville Regional Airport Authority. Last year, the six airlines serving Louisville increased capacity on 20 different routes including the addition of nonstop flights to multiple locations.

2 hemp companies face bankruptcy proceedings

LEXINGTON — Two hemp companies, including one of the state's largest, are facing bankruptcy proceedings. Three creditors filed an involuntary bankruptcy petition against GenCanna in federal court in Lexington last week to force the company into Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported Wednesday. The company, one of the state's major producers, has 21 days to file a response. Also this month, the owner of Sunstrand hemp company filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in federal court in Louisville, according to the newspaper. GenCanna said in an email that payments to hemp growers for their crop under contract to the company are up to date and that the recent petition "is part of a legal dispute process" to which the company "will respond soon." Sunstrand did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing. The proceedings come as Kentucky's Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles issued a letter Tuesday to the FDA arguing that the state's hemp industry is facing "bureaucratic paralysis" threatening growers. The market for CBD has plummeted since the FDA issued a warning in November on consuming CBD and sent warnings to 15 companies for improper marketing tactics, Quarles' letter said. Still, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear and the Department for Local Government are investing in the industry, and announced a $1 million grant Tuesday for a Mount Vernon hemp company, news outlets reported.

— The Associated Press

STATE BRIEFS

Madison-Grant United School Corp. reverses earlier decision on transgender bathroom

By JAYLAN MILLER
(Marion) Chronicle-Tribune

Transgender students at Madison-Grant United School Corporation must use a single-occupancy bathroom if they don't want to use the bathroom that matches their biological sex, Superintendent Scott Deetz announced at a school board meeting this week.

" ... The state of the law is presently in flux while the nation awaits the rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court in two important cases addressing gender orientation and gender identity protections under federal law," Deetz said. "Due to changes afoot, the Madison-Grant administration will now offer transgender students an accommodation of single-occupancy-use restrooms instead of automatically permitting access to restrooms that are inconsistent with birth gender."

Monday's announcement is opposite of the corporation's previous announcements at public meetings Dec. 9 and Jan. 6. The reversal followed the withdrawal of a previous request for accommodation by a transgender student. The student decided to rescind the decision sometime after the meeting on Jan. 6, Deetz said.

The new policy was an administrative announcement that was not formally voted on as an official policy by the school board.

"The student changed their decision," Deetz said. "From there, moving forward, we said that if there are any requests between now and the Supreme Court ruling, these are the guidelines … "

From Dec. 9, 2019, until the student rescinded the request, the student was permitted to use the preferred restroom.

At the Dec. 9 school board meeting, Deetz had announced the approval of accommodations as requested by the transgender student. In the same meeting, Deetz said, "If you hear from your children that there is a student using a particular restroom that isn't normally accessible to them, please know that the law is on that student's side."

At the following meeting on Jan. 6, the board hosted a presentation by Jonathan Mayes of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP entitled "The Status of Law" to educate the board and the public on the legal history of transgender students' and employees' use of restrooms and locker rooms.

After the Supreme Court rules, Mayes will re-educate the administration on what that ruling means, and they will go from there, Deetz said.

"My hope for the future is that we are able to continue to work together with each one of our students as they cross different paths through life and that we're able to care for them socially, emotionally, and still get their academic needs taken care of," Deetz said.

WEATHER

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Nabb couple loses home to fire for the second time

By COLLIN OVERTON
Courier staff writer

A local pastor and his wife will once again have to start over, as they watched their home in Nabb burn Tuesday morning for the second time.

Tom Cox, a pastor since 1974 and currently at New Song Church in Scottsburg, was walking back from feeding his dog around 9 a.m. in the backyard when he noticed smoke billowing out of all eight vents in the roof.

When gusts of wind blew the smoke away, he noticed the entire roof and attic were ablaze.

"In less than 10 minutes the whole roof was on fire," he said.

Tom ran inside the burning house, managed to call 911 and grabbed from upstairs his Bible filled with notes for a sermon. It was all he could do as wind fanned the outside flames and smoke and intense heat consumed the upper level of the home.

His wife, Judy, was not home. She was at Scottsburg High School where she is a substitute teacher when she got the call from Tom saying their house was on fire.

"I said 'there's a fire extinguisher underneath the kitchen sink.'...He said 'we're way past that,'" Judy said.

When she got there, flames were shooting out from the top level and within a few moments, all the walls were gone.

"We couldn't believe how fast it spread," Judy said. "That's what one of the firemen said, 'I've never seen a fire burn this hot and this fast so quickly.'"

For several hours, the New Washington, Johnson Township, Lexington and Charlestown fire departments tried futilely to control the flames. Firefighters left and were called back around midnight when the fire rekindled and they stayed until about 2:30 a.m., Tom said.

Tom and Judy Cox's house in Nab was nearly unrecognizable after a fire that destroyed the upper level, rear walls and interior Tuesday. (Courier staff photos by Collin Overton)

One of the only things Tom and Judy Cox were able to salvage was a picture of their granddaughter, Megan.

Tom and Judy Cox were in good spirits Wednesday despite losing everything in a fire Tuesday morning at their home in Nabb. "The end of this thing is going to be better than what happened yesterday," Tom said.

He and Judy said firefighters did "as good a job as they possibly could have done," but the fire — which may have started in the chimney — was too much to manage.

"If they had been sitting in the driveway when it started, they couldn't do anything about it," Tom said. "It was just too windy and too hot, and they just couldn't do anything about it. Bless their hearts they tried. They worked feverishly at it, and my hat goes off to the volunteer fire departments."

The couple went through a similar experience nearly 26 years ago, when their home at the same site caught fire and two rooms were destroyed. They rebuilt the house, adding another floor and a fireplace insert that may have been a culprit in the second inferno.

Judy said they had pictures of the old house and construction of the new one, but those pictures burned along with the other valuables.

Apart from "their attitudes" and some pictures of family, nothing was salvaged, they said.

"You think about all your papers and jewelry and all that — things you can never replace, like my mother's wedding ring, antiques, keepsakes," Judy said.

For Tom, it was his father's pocketwatch and a ring Judy bought him for their 25th anniversary.

"But there's nothing you can do about it. And you can lament all you want to, but it won't change anything," he said. "So we believe things are going to be better. The end of this thing is going to be better than what happened yesterday."

What's made it better has been the community outreach. A GoFundMe page started by two of their grandchildren, Michaela Blanton and Diana Hahn, had raised nearly $9,000 for the couple as of Friday and aims to raise $6,000 more. Tom and Judy said they're immensely grateful for the outpouring of people who have offered clothes and food, and, for the 12 people who have offered them a place to stay.

The couple has been staying with family and plans on finding a new home as soon as possible, although it better be fully furnished, Tom said.

"Somebody asked us 'are you gonna build again?' I said 'I probably don't think we're gonna build here again,'" he said.

Whatever the case, Tom and Judy still will be at church every Wednesday and Sunday, as they were the night after the fire.

Wednesday was the night of New Song's fourth Wednesday of the Month Pitch-In dinner and they were told by others in the church not to bring a thing.

"It'll all be good after a while, we just have to be willing to receive it all, because that's sometimes harder...it's easy to give, but it's always hard to receive, but this time we've got to," Judy said.

• Detective Simpson

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past romantic relationships with individuals involved in his criminal investigations" which "impaired his ability to perform his duties as a law enforcement officer" and that his "behavior and actions" in the drug case were "inconsistent with the standard operating procedures of the Madison Police Department and are violations of Officer Madison Police Merit Board Rules of Conduct."

"We as a community never want to see an officer fired; however, this disciplinary action was determined to be necessary by the Chief of Police," said City Attorney Joe Jenner, who represented the city in the action. "The city expects all employees to follow department policies and procedures. We appreciate the time and attention given to this matter by the Merit Board."

Simpson, however, in the phone interview disagreed with the findings of fact presented by the city.

"I've never had a relationship with a confidential informant or given drugs to anybody," he said, adding that the ISP detectives who investigated his case were looking at his investigations from the standpoint of their policies and procedures rather than the city's.

"The city's standard operating procedures are poorly written and open to perception," Simpson said. "They said I violated SOPs on the handling of evidence because I took too long to log it in. There is no SOP on the time frame."

He said detectives operated under a "different standard" than patrolmen because they were given the leeway to develop informants and leverage lower level suspects to implicate higher level suppliers.

"We were told detectives do it different," he said, noting he was encouraged to develop informants to build bigger cases and was successful in doing that.

"We flip people in drugs," Simpson said. "I was tenacious. I was aggressive. Drugs are the root of all problems in our community. It's where you can really make a difference."

Simpson had gained a reputation as one of the more aggressive officers in the department — especially in terms of drug enforcement and arrests — when then-MPD Chief Jeremey Perkins placed him on administrative leave in August 2018 for actions unbecoming an officer.

Simpson said the ISP investigation into his alleged wrongdoing focused on people he had put in jail — people who "would have said anything to get out of jail" — and still nothing was found to result in criminal charges. However, he said he thinks that ultimately led to the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office making it known that it would not prosecute any case investigated by him and that's when he was placed on administrative leave.

The city continued to pay Simpson's salary — his regular pay plus another $22,447.02 for vacations, holidays and comp time — while he said the city tried to negotiate a severance in the ensuing months until the first of three Merit Board executive hearings occurred Nov. 14, 2019, to hear testimony leading to either the termination or reinstatement of the detective.

"They paid me for 16 months just to sit at home. They later offered me $30,000 to walk away without admitting any wrongdoing," Simpson said. "I could have walked away with money in my pocket and a clean record. They were going to withdraw the formal charges and write me a letter of recommendation for another job but I wanted the case to be followed up on and investigated properly but nobody would listen to me."

The Merit Board hearings, officiated by Scottsburg attorney Kerry L. Thompson, a former prosecutor and counsel to the City of Scottsburg, could have been open to the public had Simpson requested that, but, he said, he was told the city did not want the hearing open and his attorney recommended that he ask for the hearing to be closed.

Those hearings wrapped up with a final executive session Thursday in which four members of the five-member Merit Board considered the findings of fact in the case with three later voting in open session to terminate, one member voting to reinstate and another recusing himself.

The final 3-1 vote saw board members Bill Andrew, David Butler and Robert "Derma" Smith vote to terminate, board member Bob Waller vote to reinstate and board member Dave Adams recusing himself because of what he considered a potential conflict.

Adams said Friday that his son, Nate Adams, is an Indiana State Police detective who did not investigate the Simpson case but has worked with all three of the ISP detectives — Tom Baxter, Tracey Rohlfing and Grant Martin — who did investigate and give testimony in the hearing. Dave Adams cited that "close connection" as his reason for recusing.

"I didn't want to give them another chance to delay things because it has gone on long enough," Dave Adams said.

"I want to thank the Madison Police Merit Board for their time and commitment to this matter," Simpson wrote in a message to The Madison Courier Thursday evening. "The decisions made by the board are not easy and can be complex and challenging. The material submitted to be reviewed can sometimes be overlooked and misunderstood by the board. With that said, I believe the board came to their decision solely based on the investigation by the Indiana State Police.

"This investigation only provided assumptions and speculation and the investigation was not done thoroughly. Several items concerning the investigation were not included by the Indiana State Police in their report and the Indiana State Police failed to seek out the additional material even after multiple requests to do so were made.

"It is also concerning that the Madison Police Department failed to conduct an independent investigation and solely relied on material from the ISP reports to move forward with termination," Simpson added. "The investigation was reviewed by a special appointed Indiana State Prosecutor to avoid any bias and to make a fair non-political decision. The state prosecutor declined to file any criminal charges as no evidence was found in reference the allegations made."

Board member Waller said Friday that he voted to reinstate Simpson for some of those same reasons.

He said that after reviewing the reports and testimony in the case and comparing them to the city's police manual and standard operating procedures the "burden of proof had not been met" by the city to terminate.

"I thought there should have been a smoking gun ... I didn't see it," Waller said.

Waller also noted that the hearing was a "civil matter" rather than a criminal case, making the burden of proof different than in a trial, and, with policies and standard operating procedures varying from department to department, what might be unacceptable at one department could be the norm at another, unlike the more defined nature of criminal charges.

Waller and Dave Adams are both appointments to the Merit Board by the police officers themselves while Andrew and Butler are mayoral appointments and Smith represents Madison City Council. However, both Adams and Waller said their decisions — one to abstain and the other to reinstate — had nothing to do with how they became members of the Merit Board.

Before the vote, Thompson told the Merit Board it had two options for its vote: Reinstate or terminate and that attorneys for each side — Jenner and Devon Sharpe for the city and Andrew Duncan for Simpson — had prepared statements of fact to support their side

With no discussion or explanation of their vote — Merit Board members are not required to explain their votes — the board voted to terminate.

However, the city did offer a statement following the decision.

"This administration is committed to strengthening community safety and will continue to serve the residents of Madison in a manner that is reflective of our standards.

"The Merit Board's decision tonight is reflective of that commitment," the statement read.

City of Madison News Release
Jan. 30, 2020

Madison, IN – The Madison Police Department Merit Board made decisions during this evening's board meeting to terminate Officer Jonathan Simpson and to appoint former Chief Jeremey Perkins to sergeant.

It is the responsibility of the Merit Board to review various personnel actions associated with the city police department. This includes hiring, promotions, and disciplinary actions.

"We as a community never want to see an officer fired; however, this disciplinary action was determined to be necessary by the Chief of Police," said City Attorney Joe Jenner. "The city expects all employees to follow department policies and procedures. We appreciate the time and attention given to this mater by the Merit Board."

This administration is committed to strengthening community safety and will continue to serve the residents of Madison in a manner that is reflective of our standards. The Merit Board's decision tonight is reflective of that commitment.

In regards to former Chief Perkins, the decision was made to appoint Perkins to sergeant after reviewing current state statutes. Per statute, after removal from an upper level policymaking position the member shall be appointed to the rank in the department that the member held prior to the member's appointment to the upper level position. The City of Madison appreciates the services provided by Perkins as chief and his commitment to serve the Madison Police Department.

Statement from Jonathan Simpson
Jan. 30, 2020

Editor's note: The Madison Courier reached out to Jonathan Simpson for a statement regarding Thursday's Merit Board decision.

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OBITUARIES

Roger Beed

Roger Lee Beed, 71, of Carpenter, Wyoming, and formerly of Madison, Indiana, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020, at Cheyenne VA Medical Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Arrangements are pending at Lytle Welty Funeral Homes & Cremation Service in Madison.

Lois Butters

Lois June Harmon Butters, 78, of Vevay, Indiana, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020, at Norton Hospital in Louisville.

She was born June 18, 1941, in Switzerland County, Indiana, to Forest D. and Mayme Riley Harmon. She grew up and went to school in Switzerland County. She married Leslie Butters in 1958 and was blessed with three sons and two daughters. She did farm work and babysitting to support her family. She moved to the Madison area in 1992, went to stay with her daughter in Oklahoma for a time, and moved to the Osgood area in 2013, later moving to Vevay. She enjoyed reading, sewing, flowers, listening to music, and caring for her grandchildren.

She is survived by three sons, Richard Lee Butters of Shreveport, Louisiana, Terry Butters of Elkhart, Indiana, and Thomas Butters of Plant City, Florida; one daughter, Denise Sweet of Catoosa, Oklahoma; a brother, William Harmon of Madison, Indiana; four sisters, Donna Randolph of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Wanda Moppin of Madison, Indiana, Bonna Wilson of Carrollton, Kentucky, and Rose Harmon of Versailles, Indiana; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Suzanne Butters Wade, and four brothers, Gary Dean Harmon Sr., James Harmon, Robert "Bob" Harmon, and Danny Joe Harmon.

Funeral services will be Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, at 2 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow at a later date in the Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison.

Visitation will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lois Butters Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, www.morgan-nay.com

Barry Flint

Barry Lee Flint, 60, of Madison, Indiana, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

He was born Sept.1, 1959, in Carrollton, Kentucky, to Bobby Lee and Shirley Ann Ginn Flint. He resided most of his life in Madison and was a 1978 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School where he was a star varsity baseball player. He retired as a pipe fitter with Union Local 502 in Louisville due to his fight with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, later undergoing a double lung transplant. He enjoyed his grandchildren's involvement in Pope John and Shawe Schools and attending their events. He also enjoyed boating, watching sports and being with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 38 years, Nancy Elizabeth Hoffman Flint of Madison; a son, Benjamin Flint of Madison; a daughter, Laura Flint Vladimirovs of Los Angeles; his father of Ocala, Florida; his mother, Shirley Ann Ginn Anderson of Hanover, Indiana; a brother, Rich Flint of Ocala; a sister, Beth Rashleigh of Evergreen, Colorado; and eight grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father in law, paternal grandparents and maternal grandparents.

He chose cremation. A private family celebration of life ceremony will be held at a later date to be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of Shawe and Pope John. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, www.morgan-nay.com

Romaine Hood

Romaine Seitz Hood, 86, of Scottsburg, Indiana, and formerly of Madison, Indiana, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Arrangements are pending at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

T.W. Mefford

T. W. Mefford, 91, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020, at Signature Healthcare in Carrollton, Kentucky.

He was born July 7, 1928, in Ghent, Kentucky, to Wiley Armstrong Mefford and Dorothy Turner Mefford. He was a retired farmer, hauled milk for many years for Kraft Foods and worked several years at the Southern States Cooperative in Carrollton.

He is survived by one daughter, Terry Wallace of Carrollton, and one son, Ricky G. Mefford of Ghent; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Jo Ann Persall Mefford, and one sister; Anna Katherine Wheeler.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, at the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton.

Online condolences, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com

JEFFERSON SHERIFF

ARRESTS

Tuesday, January 28

8:11 p.m. Jeremy Owens, 32, Deputy, arrested on a warrant for probation violation for driving while intoxicated.

Wednesday, January 29

1:17 a.m. Cory Meadows arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and driving while suspended – prior.

9:37 p.m. Patrick A. Phillips, 32, Deputy, arrested on a Washington County warrant.

CITATIONS

Thursday, January 30

1:56 a.m. Thomas Ford Wehner, Jr., 41, Hanover, cited for speed.

CRIME

Tuesday, January 28

10:21 a.m. Case follow-up in the 3000 block of West State Road 56, Hanover.

2:35 p.m. Case follow-up in the 3000 block of North County Road 300 West.

8:11 p.m. Attempt to serve a warrant in the 10000 block of West County Road 400 North, Deputy. Arrest made.

8:31 p.m. Harassment on South Amber Waves Boulevard, Hanover.

Wednesday, January 29

11:57 a.m. Breaking and entering into a residence in the 2000 block of Kentucky Avenue.

12:33 p.m. Attempt to serve a warrant in the 10000 block of West Henry Road, Deputy.

5:40 p.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 7000 block of South Majors Road, Hanover.

6:07 p.m. Breaking and entering into a residence in the 9000 block of West County Road 750 North, Commiskey.

9:37 p.m. Attempt to serve a warrant in the 10000 block of West Henry Road, Deputy. Arrest made.

TRAFFIC

Tuesday, January 28

6:43 a.m. Personal injury accident in the 3000 block of North Michigan Road.

7:42 a.m. Property damage accident in the 3000 block of North Michigan Road.

2:51 p.m. Traffic stop at roundabout on U.S. 421 and State Road 62.

10 p.m. Traffic stop on Clifty Drive and Wilson Avenue. Warning issued.

Wednesday, January 29

12:39 a.m. Traffic stop in the 2000 block of Michigan Road. Warning issued.

1:01 a.m. Traffic stop in the 1000 block of Clifty Drive. Warning issued.

1:17 a.m. Traffic stop on South Amber Waves Boulevard, Hanover. Arrest made.

3:50 a.m. Traffic stop on Jefferson and Main streets. Warning issued.

10:12 p.m. Traffic stop on State Road 256 west of Kent. Verbal warning issued.

11:30 p.m. Traffic stop on U.S. 421 northbound. Verbal warning issued.

12:45 p.m. Traffic stop on Clifty Drive and Chicken Run Road. Warning issued.

Thursday, January 3

01:36 a.m. Traffic stop in the 2000 block of Clifty Drive. Warning issued.

1:56 a.m. Traffic stop in the 400 block of Clifty Drive. Citation issued.

GENERAL

Tuesday, January 28

8:03 a.m. Courtesy transport in the 200 block of West Horizon Drive.

8:33 a.m. Transport to Dickinson Juvenile Detention Center of Johnson County, Franklin.

9:37 a.m. Animal problem in the 2000 block of North County Road 1550 West, Deputy.

11:34 a.m. Animal problem in the 300 block of November Street, Hanover.

11:56 a.m. Animal problem in the 700 block of North County Road 1350 West, Deputy.

2:49 p.m. Transport to Dickinson Juvenile Detention Center of Johnson County, Franklin.

3:13 p.m. Transport to Jefferson County Jail.

5:49 p.m. Assist other agency in the 100 block of South Main Cross Street, Hanover.

6:55 p.m. Miscellaneous in the 10000 block of West County Road 400 North, Deputy.

7:21 p.m. Assist other agency in the 100 block of West LaGrange Road, Hanover.

8:04 p.m. Assist other department in the 5000 block of South Hanover Saluda Road, Hanover.

Wednesday, January 29

8:48 a.m. Animal problem in the 5000 block of East Pleasant Ridge Road.

4:20 p.m. Assist other agency on Clifty and Harry Nichols drives.

Thursday, January 30

4:52 a.m. Assist other agency in the 2000 block of Franks Drive.

MADISON POLICE

ARRESTS

Tuesday, January 28

6:23 p.m. John C. Disbro, 34, Hanover, inmate arrested on a warrant for probation violation on original charge of public intoxication.

8:10 p.m. Cassandra L. Webster, 37, arrested on a warrant for probation violation on original charge of possession of methamphetamine.

CITATIONS

Tuesday, January 28

8:24 p.m. Tammy S. McCutcheon, 49, cited for expired registration.

Wednesday, January 29

2:32 a.m. Kristopher N. Gullion, 40, cited for expired dealer temporary tag.

Thursday, January 30

12:40 a.m. Jerry Cosby, Hanover, cited for driving while suspended.

CRIME

Tuesday, January 28

8:12 a.m. Breaking and entering into a residence in the 500 block of Mulberry Street.

9:09 a.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 100 block of West Second Street.

10:04 a.m. Stalking in the 100 block of Taft Drive.

1:53 p.m. Case follow-up in the 500 block of Ivy Tech Drive.

2:51 p.m. Case follow-up at the Jefferson County Jail.

6:23 p.m. Attempt to serve a warrant at the Jefferson County Jail. Arrest made.

8:10 p.m. Attempt to serve a warrant in the 400 block of East Main Street. Arrest made.

8:38 p.m. Criminal mischief on Second and Mulberry streets.

Wednesday, January 29

1:23 a.m. K-9 detail on South Amber Waves Boulevard, Hanover.

2:47 a.m. K-9 detail on Cherry Drive.

5:19 a.m. Case follow-up in the 100 block of Taft Drive.

9:24 a.m. Vandalism in the 700 block of Walnut Street.

12:51 p.m. Case follow-up in the 2000 block of Hannah Drive.

1:21 p.m. Disturbance in the 800 block of Walnut Street.

1:41 p.m. Internet, phone or bank scam in the 400 block of East First Street.

1:52 p.m. Case follow-up in the 200 block of West Cardinal Court.

2:49 p.m. Disturbance in the 800 block of Walnut Street.

3:56 p.m. Theft in the 1000 block of Washington Avenue.

5:54 p.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 2000 block of Indiana Avenue.

6:12 p.m. Case follow-up in the 4000 block of North County Road 933 West, Deputy.

6:14 p.m. Trespassing in the 2000 block of Martha Place.

6:14 p.m. Loitering in the 1000 block of Clifty Drive.

6:55 p.m. Domestic incident in the 400 block of East Street.

7 p.m. Case follow-up in the 2000 block of Martha Place.

8:05 p.m. Breaking and entering into a residence in the 700 block of West Third Street.

8:55 p.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 500 block of West Street.

9:15 p.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 500 block of Elm Street.

10:29 p.m. Domestic incident in the 600 block of West Second Street.

Thursday, January 30

4:24 a.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 100 block of East Main Street.

TRAFFIC

Tuesday, January 28

7:58 a.m. Reckless driving on Michigan Hill on Michigan Road.

2:07 p.m. Property damage accident in the 400 block of East Second Street.

4:21 p.m. Traffic stop in the 100 block of Franks Drive.

6:40 p.m. Traffic stop in the 700 block of Jefferson Street. Warning issued.

8:24 p.m. Traffic stop in the 100 block of Clifty Drive. Warning issued.

8:36 p.m. Traffic stop on Cameron Court and Kentucky Avenue. Citation issued.

9:04 p.m. Traffic stop on Holt Drive and Michigan Road. Warning issued.

Wednesday, January 29

2:06 a.m. Extra patrol in the 800 block of Green Road.

2:32 a.m. Traffic stop on Cherry Drive. Citation issued.

3:33 a.m. Traffic stop on Wilson Avenue. Warning issued.

8:32 a.m. Parking problem on Fourth and East streets.

10:02 a.m. Traffic stop in the 1000 block of Clifty Drive. Verbal warning issued.

11:54 a.m. Traffic stop in the 1000 block of West Clifty Hollow Road. Warning issued.

12:04 p.m. Traffic stop in the 1000 block of Clifty Hollow Road.4 p.m. Property damage accident in the 200 block of Green Road.

4:17 p.m. Personal injury accident on Harry Nichols and Clifty drives.

5:39 p.m. Reckless driving on south U.S. 421.

6:25 p.m. Traffic stop on Clifty and Green Hills drives. Warning issued.

7:36 p.m. Traffic stop on Mulberry and Main streets.

7:47 p.m. Special detail or patrol in the 200 block of West Main Street.

9:13 p.m. Property damage accident on Cragmont Street and Green Road.

11:54 p.m. Extra patrol in the 600 block of Mulberry Street.

Thursday, January 30

12:08 a.m. Traffic stop on Main and Mulberry streets. Warning issued.

12:40 a.m. Traffic stop on West Main Street. Citation issued.

1:06 a.m. Traffic stop on Cragmont and Main streets.

1:57 a.m. Extra patrol in the 800 block of Green Road.

2:22 a.m. Traffic stop at roundabout on U.S. 421 and State Road 62. Warning issued.

3:46 a.m. Traffic stop in the 2000 block of Michigan Road.

GENERAL

Tuesday, January 28

8:48 a.m. Deliver message in the 700 block of Green Road.

11:03 a.m. Animal problem in the 400 block of Miller Street.

1:39 p.m. Assist other department on Old Michigan Road.

6:43 p.m. Alarm or alarm problem in the 1000 block of West Main Street.

7:47 p.m. Security check in the 200 block of West Main Street.

8:12 p.m. Item or article found reported to the police department.

9:09 p.m. Assist motorist on Cragmont Street.

9:47 p.m. Assist other agency in the 1000 block of Green Road.

Wednesday, January 29

7:51 a.m. Animal problem in the 700 block of West Street.

8:23 a.m. Welfare check in the 500 block of East Street.

10:05 a.m. Animal problem in the 400 block of Ovo Drive.

12:25 p.m. Animal problem in the 2000 block of Seneca Drive.

1:42 p.m. Animal problem on Harrison Street.

4:14 p.m. Welfare check in the 2000 block of Hargan Drive.

7:09 p.m. Item or article found in the 400 block of Jefferson Street.

9:02 p.m. Consensual encounter in the 200 block of Clifty Drive.

Thursday, January 30

2:07 a.m. Assist other agency in the 400 block of Clifty Drive.

4:43 a.m. Argument in the 2000 block of Franks Drive.

HANOVER POLICE

CITATIONS

Tuesday, January 28

6:59 p.m. Aaron Jackson, 18, Hanover, cited for possession of marijuana, minor possession of alcohol and false and fictitious plates.

CRIME

Tuesday, January 28

11:13 a.m. Suspicious person or circumstance in the 400 block of East LaGrange Road, Hanover.

5:10 p.m. Juvenile problem in the 100 block of South Main Cross Street.

6:59 p.m. Criminal mischief in the 100 block of Ohio Avenue. Citation issued.

Wednesday, January 29

9:35 a.m. Domestic standby in the 500 block of Hanover Drive.

5 p.m. Shoplifting in the 100 block of West LaGrange Road.

TRAFFIC

Tuesday, January 28

3:31 p.m. Traffic stop on Greenbriar Road. Warning issued.

4:47 p.m. Traffic stop on Thornton Road. Warning issued.

Wednesday, January 29

12:11 p.m. Traffic stop on Second Street. Warning issued.

12:29 p.m. Traffic stop on Main Cross Street and Joe's Lane. Warning issued.

2:15 p.m. Traffic stop in the 100 block of Thornton Road. Verbal warning issued.

4:59 p.m. Traffic stop in the 100 block of West LaGrange Road.

GENERAL

Tuesday, January 28

11:34 a.m. Animal problem in the 300 block of November Street.

8:54 p.m. Assist other agency in the 5000 block of South Hanover Saluda Road.

Wednesday, January 29

10 a.m. Assist other agency in the 100 block of South Main Cross Street.

JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT

NEW FILINGS

CIVIL

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC, successor in interest to Fingerhut Advantage v. Tasha Thurnall, complaint for $1,319.47 plus court costs.

JUDGMENTS

CIVIL

Discover Bank v. Vernon Carberry, Jr., plaintiff to take $1,798.45 plus interest.

JEFFERSON SUPERIOR COURT

NEW FILINGS

CIVIL

Brian J. Brown v. Tammy M. Byrd, complaint for $8,000 plus court costs.

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC, successor in interest to Fingerhut Advantage v. Abby Burkhardt, complaint for $553.39 plus court costs.

Credit Acceptance Corporation v. Jeremy Cleaver, complaint for $12,687.53 plus court costs.

JUDGMENTS

CIVIL

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Oscar Barnica, plaintiff to take $3,938.47 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Shawna Gray, plaintiff to take $3,190.99 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Katherine Harden, plaintiff to take $1,318 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Vera Harper, plaintiff to take $2,27.37 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Barbara Huffman, plaintiff to take $1,540.74 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Joshua Jewell, plaintiff to take $5,067.08 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Cindy Mack,

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Nashville Town Hall being invaded by invertebrates

By SARA CLIFFORD
Brown County Democrat

At a meeting that was moving along much faster than normal, a conversation at the end slowed it waaaay down.

"In my office, I actually have a slug infestation," Nashville Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young told the Nashville Town Council at its January meeting.

"It's been happening for a couple years," she nonchalantly added.

Former Town Hall maintenance man Lamond Martin had been putting down a natural powder to deter them, but that hasn't kept them away, she said.

Apparently, they come out in the dark, she's learned. Often, she'll come in to work in the morning at Town Hall and find slime on her keyboard.

Young, the clerk-treasurer for 33 years, cleans it off and gets back to work.

Lately, they've been crawling up the walls and eating her certificates right out of the frames. Nobody would think they'd eat paper, but they are, she said.

As the town's record keeper, Young draws the line right there.

"The problem is, if something gets in a box in my office and it's carried into the records vault, then (we are in trouble)," she said.

She believes she knows how they're getting in: Right through the outside wall.

"Slugs have, like, 27,000 teeth or something. I've looked them up online," she told the council, to a mix of laughs and surprised faces. "She said they actually can grind through obviously a lot, so (accounting clerk) Debbie (Ferry) and I took SOS pads, scrub pads and we took the steel wool and we pulled it all apart and tried sticking it down in here where we have an issue, and then we put a cabinet in front of it, and we actually kept the infestation down for a few months.

"It's like a slugfest," longtime attorney James T. Roberts observed.

Besides the powder, they've tried more than one exterminator over the years with no luck, Young said. Despite that, several of the non-experts around the head table Googled and brainstormed anyway:

Try beer, someone suggested.

Pour salt on them? They've done it.

How about bringing in some moles?

Ducks like to eat them. "We heard chickens are good, too," Young added, "but, you know."

Town Hall staff believe they're living in a nest/den/whatever you call a slug habitat underground on the east side of the building. Young said maybe the next course of action should be to have someone dig that up and put a barrier in so they can't come through her wall anymore.

The group decided to call on Brown County Purdue Extension educator Kara Hammes to help them slug it out. Agriculture and natural resources are among her areas of knowledge.

Last week, Hammes said she and Young hadn't had a chance to connect yet, but she said she'd talked with an insect expert at Purdue and he wasn't sure that slugs are to blame.

Her advice to the workers at Town Hall will be to submit a slug-damaged item, like a piece of paper, to the Purdue Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory so that the experts can inspect the pattern. That only costs about $10, she said.

About slugs

From Purdue Extension Entomology:

"Slugs are soft-bodied, grayish or mottled, slimy creatures that can sometimes measure up to 4 inches in length, although most grow to only 1 1/2 inches. Slugs feed on molds and decaying organic matter, but may also feed on the foliage of plants. They must have a large amount of moisture to survive, and they prefer darkness. Ideal habitats include damp basements, beneath boards, trash and other debris, and in crevices. … Excessively rainy and damp weather promotes slug development, especially if temperatures are high."

Slug control:

Chemical pesticides metaldehyde or Mesurol (toxic to pets)

Diatomaceous earth powder

Eliminate their hiding places

Sink small pans, canning lids or dishes at least a half-inch deep into the ground at 3- to 4-foot intervals and fill them with beer. This will both attract and drown slugs.

— Purdue.edu publications

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plaintiff to take $2,298.89 plus interest.

LVNV Funding, LLC. v. Charla McAllister, plaintiff to take $886.96 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Haley Nighbert, plaintiff to take $3,122.39 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Brandi Richardson, plaintiff to take $1,488.39 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Christy Sampson, plaintiff to take $5,896.44 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Casi Bray, plaintiff to take $2,275006 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Stacey Cheesebrew, plaintiff to take $3,433.02 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Corey Chesher, plaintiff to take $675.30 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Rhonda Cook, plaintiff to take $5,903.48 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Carey Frisque, plaintiff to take $1,268.03 plus interest.

Receivables Management Partners, LLC. v. Kathleen Sizemore, plaintiff to take $1,154.37 plus interest.

Crown Asset Management, LLC. v. Lois Smith, plaintiff to take $4,987.27 plus interest.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

▪ Miller Property Management Group, LLC. to Lisa J. Sutton and Richard A. Tewksury, 519 Mulberry Street.

▪ Tina Buchanan to Michiel L. and Elizabeth R. Enoch, 1236 West Main Street.

▪ John Colson to Joseph Kimmick, 413 Gray Street, Hanover.

▪ Kathy J. Brown and Michiel C. Brown to Jeffery and Cheryl Brown, 9331 West State Road 256, Lexington.

▪ Chester Powell and Dora Powell to Dora Powell, 3414 North Paper Mill Road.

▪ Dora Powell to Derek Ray Alexander, 3414 North Paper Mill Road.

▪ Chester A. Powell and Dora Ann Powell to Dora Ann Powell, 3414 North Paper Mill Road.

▪ Dora Ann Powell to Derek Ray Alexander, 3414 North Paper Mill Road.

▪ Richard H. and Sherry L. Eblen to Richard H. and Sherry L. Eblen, 116 Elm Street.

▪ Richard H. and Sherry L. Eblen to Richard H. and Sherry L. Eblen, 411 West First Street.

▪ Conrad, LTD, to Scott E. and Christy Kollmann, 4526 East Wolf Run Road.

▪ Cathy Hale to Cathy Hale and Jamelyn R. Smith, 1212 West Second Street.

▪ Jimmy and Casey Riley to J Nash Crafton, LLC. and BuddyDale, LLC., 1731 Allen Street

▪ Charles W Colegrove and Jefferson County Auditor, Sherry Eblen to Tony Hammock, 1846 Strader Street.

▪ Sam F. and Deanna L. Carman to Land of Indiana, Inc., 6000+ North County Road 933 West, Deputy.

▪ Strouse Properties, LLC to Cary and Julia Strouse, 2794 Clifty Drive.

▪ Strouse Properties, LLC to Cary and Julia Strouse, 308 Broadway Street.

▪ Strouse Properties, LLC to Cary and Julia Strouse, 2796 Clifty Drive.

▪ James R. McNeal and Bradley C. McNeal to McNeal, James Gregory McNeal, Bradley C. McNeal and Nancy Ruth Elam, 607 East Clifty Drive.

▪ Robert Keith Haase to Heritage Trail Conservancy, Inc., 904 West Third Street.

▪ Gary L. Short, Jr. and Gary L. Short, Sr. to Gary Short Trust and Gary Short, land parcel Bethany Road, Deputy.

▪ Gary L. Short, Jr. and Gary Short to Gary Short Trust and Gary L. Short, Jr., land parcel Bethany Road, Deputy.

▪ Travis A. Carroll to Kara L. Cole, 1640 Washington Avenue.

▪ Beverly Sue Kuntz and Jarrod Michael Kuntz to Beverly Sue Kuntz and Christian Noel, 3360 West Chicken Run Road.

▪ Harold W. Lakeman to Melvin Gary Morris, 1165 East Telegraph Hill Road.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ashley Dawn Maddox, 25, and Mauricio Martinez, 36, both of 315 West Skyline Drive.

Nicholas Bruce, 30, and Molly McClure, both of 2502 Castor Lane.

Marquetta Nicole Tankersley, 31, 2424 Cedarwood Drive and Stephen Michael Sheets, 38, 2029 Galway Trail South.

HEALTH INSPECTIONS

The Jefferson County Health Department conducts quarterly inspections of all food establishments or locations that handle food in the county. Health inspections become a public record 10 days after the inspection takes place.

The documents highlight critical, noncritical and repeat violations during each inspection or follow-up. Critical violations are listed. All records are supplied by the Jefferson County Health Department, which can be reached at (812) 273-1942.

January 14

Circle K – Clifty Drive: Three non – critical.

Shipley's Tavern – New ownership pre-operational inspection: No violations.

January 15

Crystal & Jules: No violations.

Domino's Pizza: One critical, (The hand sink near the pizza oven had food debris layering the bottom of it. It needs to be cleaned and then should not be used for anything other than hand washing.), one non – critical.

First Street Country Saloon: No violations.

Hoboken Eddie's: Four non – critical.

January 16

German Corner: No violations.

Smokin' Crowes: No violations.

January 17

Cocoa Safari Chocolates: No violations.

Mad Paddle Brewery: One non – critical.

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Hoosier student loans

$199.30 monthly for 12.21 years to pay for college

By STEVE GARBACZ
Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly

Indiana college students who take on debt leave school with an average monthly payment of about $200, a payment that stays with students for an average of more than 12 years.

According to nationwide data compiled by online personal finance company LendEDU, Indiana ranks 34th overall among states for length of payback, although the average monthly payment isn't as bad as some other places.

Indiana students have an average student loan payment of $199.30 and an average total debt load of $29,189.

According to LendEDU, students take approximately 12.21 years to pay back their loans.

Student loan payments are typically set up on a 10-year repayment schedule, meaning that the average Indiana student is taking an additional two years to pay back loans, likely signaling that they're on reduced payment plans that would extend the payback timeline.

The $199.30 monthly payment is actually 10th lowest in the nation, while the $29,189 debt load ranks 26th.

Wyoming students have the smallest loan payments at $176.46, while Massachusetts was the highest at $229.02.

Utah students have the lowest average debt load at $19,742, while Connecticut students were the highest at $38,776.

Utah students have the lowest payback average at just 8.14 years, while New Hampshire students take the longest at 14.4 years.

Since Indiana ranks much lower on payback schedule than on other measures, that may be because of Indiana's lower median income than other states.

In Indiana, like most places, college graduates have a higher earnings potential than high school diploma holders. According to U.S. Census data, associate degree holders have a median income of $34,115 — about $4,000 more than high school grads — while workers with a bachelor's degree have a median income of $47,950.

Those median income figures don't account for years of work, however, as many college graduates start out earning much less before advancing to higher-earning positions later in their careers.

People with a college education still only account for about a third of Indiana residents.

About 8% of Hoosiers have an associate's degree, while 25.3% have a bachelor's degree or higher.

Approximately 20% of Hoosiers have some college education, but did not obtain a degree. State statistics from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education show that students who fail to obtain a degree are the most likely to have trouble repaying loans or eventually default on loan payments.

Student loans are one of the most difficult types of debt for people to shake, as bankruptcy typically does not wipe out student debt.

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2016	Chevrolet Malibu	Limited 1LTZ	T3732B	$12,280
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2013	Ford F-150	4WD SuperCab XLT	T3690	$12,963
2013	Chevrolet Camaro	Coupe 1LT	T3861	$12,995
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2017	Chevrolet Malibu	1LT	T2878	$13,995
2018	Hyundai Elantra	SE 2.0L Manual	T3863	$13,995
2018	Nissan Sentra	S CVT	T3780	$13,995
2017	Chevrolet Impala	1LT	T2485	$14,011
2016	Chevrolet Cruze	Sedan LT (Automatic)	T3687	$14,312
2016	Nissan Frontier	2WD King Cab I4 Manual S	T3822	$14,624
2015	Kia Sedona	4dr Wagon LX	T1927	$14,639
2016	Chevrolet Trax	AWD 4dr LS	T3699	$14,788
2016	Chevrolet Cruze	Sedan LT (Automatic)	T3855	$14,995
2011	GMC Sierra 1500	Ext Cab 4WD SLE	T3818	$14,995
2016	Kia Optima	4dr Sedan LX	13231A	$14,995
2016	Chevrolet Malibu	1LT	T3864	$15,900
2011	Ford Ranger	4WD SuperCab 4dr Sport	T3798	$15,995
2013	Ford F-150	2WD SuperCab XL	13298A	$15,995
2017	Ford Escape	SE FWD	T3763	$15,995
2017	Honda Fit	EX CVT	T3862	$15,995
2015	Chevrolet Impala	2LTZ	T3668	$16,050
2007	Dodge Ram 3500	2WD Quad Cab DRW ST	T3768B	$16,592
2016	Buick Regal	Premium II FWD	T3838A	$16,995
2018	Dodge Grand Caravan	SXT Wagon	T3542	$17,995
2013	Mercedes-Benz	E-Class E 350 Cabriolet	T3786	$18,991
2010	Chevy Silverado 1500	Ext Cab 4WD LT	T3846	$18,995
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2010	Chevrolet Camaro	Coupe 2SS	T3795	$19,995
2018	Ford Escape	SE 4WD	T3860	$19,995

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Cubs' press runs No. 1 Trinity off the floor

Madison post 22-8 run in 3rd to take control

By ROB LAFARY
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Pitted against one of the state's four top-ranked teams, Class 3A Madison knew it had a chance to make a statement in Thursday night's regular season finale at Salm Gym against Class A No. 1 Trinity Lutheran and the Cubs did so with authority.

After letting the Cougars hang around for a half, the Lady Cubs exploded in the third quarter and put the second half in cruise control soon after en route to a dominating 55-36 victory that saw Madison unload its entire arsenal for which Trinity Lutheran simply had no answer.

"I didn't know if we were ever going to wake up," Madison head coach Sonja Bowyer said. "We let them stay with us in that first half and finally we got it going and we didn't stop. I'm so happy with how we played tonight. We shut them down."

Despite a suffocating zone defense put on by Madison, Trinity Lutheran led for the majority of the first half. The Cougars were on top 7-6 at the end of the first quarter and got the lead to as much as 12-8 with 6:23 left in the second quarter on a shot by Sydney Jaynes. But that's when the Lady Cubs clamped down on defense and made a run.

Jade Nutley answered Jaynes with a bucket underneath, kick-starting a 10-3 run that would last through the rest of the half. Nutley connected again to tie the game 14-14 at the 3:13 mark and two made free throws a minute later by Paige Young gave Madison a lead that stayed intact the rest of the night. The Lady Cubs led 18-15 at halftime but the advantage quickly skyrocketed in the third frame.

In less than two minutes, a 6-0 run to start the third quarter allowed Madison a 24-15 lead after four points by Nutley and a bucket by Taylor Lynch. Two free throws by Young and a basket by Lunden Perry put the Lady Cubs up by 11 with 5:35 remaining in the period.

That lead continued to increase. With Madison's defense switching to a full-court press, Trinity coughed up the basketball six times in the quarter and allowed Madison to control the game on both sides of the floor. Five different Lady Cubs found the score column and an 11-point lead blossomed to 17 at 40-23 heading into the fourth quarter.

Madison continued to put its foot on the gas pedal in the final stanza. Led by Harper Watson's 11 points in the quarter, the lead reached as much as 22 points after senior Morgan Cahall hit a shot with 35 seconds left. Trinity's Bailey Tabeling hit a final second 3-pointer at the buzzer to cut the final deficit back down to 19 points.

"We started in a zone in the first half to eliminate Trinity's bigs but I wanted us to press," Bowyer said of the second half. "We pressed and that really got our offense going. A 22-8 run in the third quarter and you can't be mad about that. I told the girls at halftime I wanted to show (Trinity) that this is our court and I didn't want there to be any question of that after the third quarter. Our girls took the message to heart."

As the defense set the tone, forcing Trinity Lutheran into 17 turnovers, Madison's offense had its bright spots and points came from a variety of players.

None were bigger than Watson, a senior who dominated the floor in the fourth quarter and finished leading Madison in scoring with a career-high 13 points. She, along with four other seniors — Young, Cahall, Megan Eades and Jessie Dyer — were honored during senior night prior to the

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AT THE RIM: Madison's Jade Nutley (with ball) goes to the basket for two points during the Cubs' win over Class 1A No. 1 Trinity Lutheran on Tuesday. (Photo by Stephanie Hellmann)

BASKETBALL

Pacers end regular season with win over South Ripley

COURIER STAFF REPORT
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Switzerland County girls basketball closed out the regular season with a 45-40 win over rival South Ripley at home on Thursday.

The Pacers struggled offensively in the first half and trailed 23-15 at halftime before going on a 14-2 run in the third quarter to push ahead. Switzerland led 33-29 after the third and held on in the fourth for the win.

Senior Aleiah Thomas scored 18 points in her final regular-season game at home to lead the Pacers while Kyah Chase scored 12. Maddie Duvall added eight points.

Switzerland ends the regular season with a 15-8 overall record and 4-2 in the Ohio River Valley Conference. The Pacers will host the Class 2A Sectional next week and drew the first-round bye. Switzerland will face the winner between South Ripley and Milan in the semifinals on Friday, Feb. 7.

Shawe falls at Rising Sun

Shawe girls basketball lost 42-26 at Rising Sun in the Hilltoppers' regular-season finale on Thursday.

Shawe, now 6-14 overall, finishes 0-6 in the Ohio River Valley Conference. The Hilltoppers face Medora in the opening round of the Class A Sectional at West Washington on Tuesday.

1A No. 7 JAC-CEN-DEL 49, SOUTHWESTERN 45

Rebels' ORVC hopes dashed in final minutes

C'MON!: Southwestern coach Devin Brierly pleads with an official for a call during Thurday's game. (Staff photo by David Campbell)

By DAVID CAMPBELL
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Southwestern has made such a habit of pulling out wins late that it was understandable to think that, even against a top 10 program, the Rebels were going to do it again.

But Southwestern was unable to pull off the surprising win this time, falling 49-45 to Class A No. 7 Jac-Cen-Del in a battle of Ohio River Valley Conference unbeatens Thursday in Hanover.

The Rebels took a five-point lead into the fourth quarter thanks to a late third-quarter surge but found themselves trailing by one with a minute to play.

Southwestern had the ball twice, once missing an open layup and another time turning the ball over, and Jac-Cen-Del was able to hit three free throws in the closing 27 seconds to ice the win.

The win clinched Jac-Cen-Del's fourth-straight ORVC crown and was the Eagles' 18th-straight win in conference play, but Southwestern coach Devin Brierly couldn't help but think that her team missed a golden opportunity.

"Jac-Cen-Del is always a good team and they've got some really nice players. But I thought that we played well with them and we're disappointed," said Brierly, whose team has not won the ORVC title since the 2008-09 season. "Honestly, I thought we beat ourselves in this game. Overall, I'm obviously pleased with the girls' effort, but I think that it's no secret that we could have won that game if we could have just hit some free throws."

Jac-Cen-Del (19-4, 6-0 ORVC) hit four more shots from the floor (20-16) than Southwestern, shot a better percentage (40%-34.8%) and held a 39-31 rebounding edge, but it was Southwestern's inability to connect at the free-throw line that proved to be the difference.

The aggressor all night, Southwestern repeatedly attacked the taller Eagles at the rim, drawing fouls left and right. The result was the Rebels went to the free-throw line 19 times to only nine by Jac-Cen-Del.

But Southwestern hit only nine of those attempts and while it outscored the Eagles 9-6 at the line, just a 73% performance at the stripe would have won the game for the Rebels.

"It's something that we have been preaching all year," Brierly said of free throws. "We've got three days before we play again and we've got to be really focused in on our free-throw shooting. We just have to have the confidence that when we step to the line, we're going to hit it."

Southwestern (16-7, 5-1 ORVC) led 7-6 early but an 18-10 run staked Jac-Cen-Del to a 13-point (29-16) lead late in the second quarter and the Eagles were on the verge of blowing open the game.

But the Rebels rallied. Southwestern outscored JCD 11-2 over the final 3:30 of the second quarter to close the gap to 31-27 at halftime. The Rebels could have been even closer but they missed two free throws with three seconds to go.

Both defenses dug in for the third quarter and a total of six points were scored over the first six minutes, but Southwestern caught fire at the end of the period and 3-pointers from

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SWIMMING

Rebels split with Pioneers

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Southwestern's swim teams split a home meet with Providence on Thursday.

The Rebels mixed up their lineup — literally pulling events out of a hat — but still produced 13 wins on the night. The girls edged Providence 59-51 while the boys fell 84-53. Providence also beat Shawe 102-10 in the boys while Southwestern beat Shawe 56-12.

"The kids swam very well in their races after a 5,000-yard practice before the meet," Southwestern coach Shelly Hamilton said. "We had some who were surprised by what they were able to do."

Julia Worcester and Belle Crawford each had four wins for the Southwestern girls and Caleb Geary had four wins for the boys.

Worcester won the 50-yard freestyle in 28.24 and the 100 backstroke in 1:16.07 while Crawford won the 200 individual medley in 2:36.36 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:25.65. The pair then teamed with Amiah Owen and Audrey Bare to win the 200 medley relay in 2:21.60 and the 200 freestyle relay in 2:10.69. Owen also won the 100 butterfly in 1:26.26.

Geary won the 200 freestyle in

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEB. 1
BASKETBALL (Boys/Men)
1 p.m.
CAM hosts Evansville Christian
3 p.m.
Hanover at Manchester
7:30 p.m.
Madison hosts North Harrison
Southwestern at Mitchell
Switzerland Co. hosts Milan
BASKETBALL (Women)
1 p.m.
Hanover at Manchester
SWIMMING
10 a.m.
Southwestern at Switzerland Co.
1 p.m.
Hanover hosts Rose-Hulman
Madison boys, HHC Championship at BNL
TRACK & FIELD
11 a.m.
Hanover, Joe Banks Inv. at Ada, Ohio
WRESTLING
9 a.m.
Sectional at Jennings Co. — Madison, Southwestern, Switzerland

MONDAY, FEB. 3
BASKETBALL (Boys)
7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. hosts Eminence

TUESDAY, FEB. 4
BASKETBALL (Girls)
7:30 p.m.
1A Sectional at West Washington —
Shawe vs. Medora
2A Sectional at Switzerland Co. — Southwestern vs. North Decatur

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5
BASKETBALL (Men)
7:30 p.m.
Hanover at Franklin
BASKETBALL (Girls/Women)
6 p.m.
Trimble Co. at St. Francis
7 p.m.
Hanover hosts Franklin

THURSDAY, FEB. 6
BASKETBALL (Boys)
7:30 p.m.
Madison at Seymour
Shawe hosts Christian Academy of Indiana
Southwestern hosts South Ripley
Switzerland Co. hosts Scottsburg
SWIMMING (Girls)
6 p.m.
IHSAA Sectional at Floyd Central

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

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— **Southwestern's Austin Kramer has been named** Ohio River Valley Conference boys basketball player of the week.

Kramer scored 42 points and had 14 rebounds and six assists and six steals in the Rebels' two games last week. He shares the award with South Ripley's Cody Samples.

Jac-Cen-Del's Paige Ledford was named girls basketball player of the week.

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— **Southwestern jayvee girls basketball** lost 39-24 at South Ripley on Thursday, Jan. 23.

Allie Wilberding scored nine points and Olivia Bruce had eight for the Rebels.

Southwestern lost to Jac-Cen-Del 35-24 on Thursday, Jan. 30.

Ximena Vilchis scored six points and Syrenia Hardy had five to lead the Rebels.

Southwestern ends the season with a 7-12 record.

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— **Shawe Junior High boys basketball** defeated Medora 43-11 at home on Monday.

Philip Kahn led the Hilltoppers with 22 points and Jacob Hertz had 19.

On Thursday, Shawe lost a pair of games to crosstown rival Southwestern.

The seventh graders lost 43-17, but got a good performance from Luke Stephens who scored 11 points for the Hilltoppers.

The eighth graders lost 60-43. The Hilltoppers were led in scoring by Kahn and Hertz, who each hit for 14 points.

The Hilltoppers travel to Madison next week.

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— **Shawe Junior High girls basketball** won several games this week.

The eighth graders (4-4) defeated Medora 33-16 on Monday and South Ripley 21-20 on Wednesday.

The seventh grade (8-1) defeated South Ripley 21-13 on Wednesday.

Both teams travel to Rising Sun on Monday.

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— **Shawe Memorial is in search of** a varsity girls tennis coach, a varsity boys golf coach, a junior high golf coach, and a junior high track and field coach.

Anyone interested in the positions should contact the Shawe Athletic Office at (812) 273-2150 Ext. 229 or send their resume to shaweathletics@popeace.org.

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— **The Clifty 6 Volunteer Fire & Rescue will hold a Firehouse Chili Dinner** at the firehouse on Clifty Drive from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in conjunction with Madison boys basketball's 1:30 p.m. game with Batesville on Saturday, Feb. 8.

The dinner includes chili, Sloppy Joe's or a hot dog, plus cornbread or chips, drink and dessert. Cost is adults $6, children ages four through 12 $4 and kids ages three and under free.

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— **The Madison Parks & Recreation Department will hold an organizational meeting** for the Men's Spring Basketball League at the Boneyard Grill on Madison's hilltop at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Anyone interested in entering a team should have a representative at the meeting. Fees, league rules and more will be discussed.

For more information, call Scott Davidson at (812) 265-8308 or (812) 493-9840. League play will start in late February or early March.

NBA BASKETBALL

Expanded Standings; through Thursday's Games

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Toronto	34	14	.708	—	9-1	W-9	17-7	17-7	24-7
Boston	32	15	.681	1½	6-4	W-2	19-5	13-10	21-9
Philadelphia	31	18	.633	3½	6-4	L-1	22-2	9-16	21-11
Brooklyn	20	26	.435	13	4-6	W-1	12-12	8-14	14-14
New York	13	36	.265	21½	3-7	L-2	7-18	6-18	8-22

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Miami	32	15	.681	—	5-5	L-1	21-3	11-12	21-7
Orlando	21	27	.438	11½	3-7	L-4	13-11	8-16	14-13
Washington	16	31	.340	16	4-6	W-1	10-11	6-20	11-19
Charlotte	16	32	.333	16½	1-9	L-1	8-15	8-17	11-19
Atlanta	13	36	.265	20	5-5	W-1	8-16	5-20	7-24

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Milwaukee	41	6	.872	—	9-1	W-9	22-2	19-4	26-3
Indiana	31	17	.646	10½	8-2	W-1	18-5	13-12	19-11
Chicago	19	31	.380	23½	5-5	L-1	11-15	8-16	13-20
Detroit	17	32	.347	25	3-7	L-4	9-16	8-16	12-24
Cleveland	13	36	.265	29	1-9	L-2	6-19	7-17	8-27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Dallas	29	18	.617	—	6-4	L-1	13-12	16-6	18-11
Houston	29	18	.617	—	4-6	L-1	15-7	14-11	18-14
Memphis	24	24	.500	5½	8-2	W-4	14-13	10-11	16-15
San Antonio	21	26	.447	8	5-5	W-1	13-12	8-14	12-14
New Orleans	19	29	.396	10½	6-4	W-2	9-15	10-14	12-19

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Denver	33	15	.688	—	7-3	W-1	19-6	14-9	21-8
Utah	32	16	.667	1	6-4	L-3	18-4	14-12	18-11
Oklahoma City	29	20	.592	4½	7-3	W-1	15-10	14-10	20-13
Portland	21	27	.438	12	5-5	W-2	12-11	9-16	12-19
Minnesota	15	32	.319	17½	0-10	L-10	6-18	9-14	7-23

Pacific Divisio

W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
L.A. Lakers	36	10	.783	—	7-3	L-1	16-5	20-5	23-4
L.A. Clippers	33	15	.688	4	7-3	L-1	19-5	14-10	19-11
Phoenix	20	27	.426	16½	6-4	W-1	9-16	11-11	11-21
Sacramento	18	30	.375	19	3-7	W-1	8-14	10-16	13-17
Golden State	10	39	.204	27½	1-9	L-5	7-17	3-22	7-27

SPORTS ON THE AIR

TV SPORTSWATCH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

BOWLING
4:30 p.m.
FS1 — PBA: The Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro, Ark.

BOXING
8 p.m.
FS1 — PBC: Fight Night
10 p.m.
ESPN — Top Rank Main Card: Jose Ramirez vs. Viktor Postal (Junior Welterweight), Haikou, China

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN)
11 a.m.
FOX — Xavier at Seton Hall
Noon
ESPN — Indiana at Ohio State
FS Indiana — Georgia Tech at Notre Dame
CBSSN — Bryant at St. Francis
FS1 — Creighton at Villanova
1 p.m.
CBS — Connecticut at Memphis
FOX — Michigan State at Wisconsin
SECN — Texas A&M at Georgia
2 p.m.
ESPN — Louisville at North Carolina State
FS1 — Providence at Butler
FS Indiana — Northern Iowa at Evansville
CBSSN — Colgate at Holy Cross
ESPN2 — Kansas State at West Virginia
ESPNU — Tennessee at Mississippi State
3:30 p.m.
SECN — Missouri at South Carolina
4 p.m.
CBSSN — Miami (Ohio) at Northern Illinois
ESPN — Texas Tech at Kansas
ESPN2 — TCU at Baylor
ESPNU — Central Florida at South Florida
PAC-12N — Oregon State at California
FSN — Florida State at Virginia Tech
4:30 p.m.
BTN — Rutgers at Michigan
6 p.m.
ESPN — Kentucky at Auburn
ESPN2 — Houston at Cincinnati
ACCN — Boston College at North Carolina
CBSSN — East Carolina at Temple
ESPNU — Wichita State at Tulsa
PAC-12N — Oregon at Stanford
SECN — Arkansas at Alabama
7 p.m.
BTN — Penn State at Nebraska
8 p.m.
ACCN — Clemson at Wake Forest
CBSSN — Massachusetts at Davidson
ESPN — Duke at Syracuse
ESPN2 — Bradley at Loyola Chicago
ESPNU — Tulane at Southern Methodist
PAC-12N — Arizona at Washington State
8:30 p.m.
SECN — Florida at Vanderbilt
9 p.m.
BTN — Purdue at Northwestern
10 p.m.
CBSSN — Utah State at San Diego State
ESPN2 — St. Mary's at BYU
ESPNU — Nevada at Boise State
10:30 p.m.
FS1 — Colorado at Southern California
PAC-12N — Arizona State at Washington

COLLEGE LACROSSE
Noon
ACCN — Colgate at North Carolina
2 p.m.
ACCN — Air Force at Duke

FIGURE SKATING
3 p.m.
NBC — European Championships: Ladies Short Competition, Graz, Austria (taped)

GOLF
1 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Waste Management Phoenix Open, Third Round, Scottsdale, Ariz.
3 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour: The Waste Management Phoenix Open, Second Round, Scottsdale, Ariz.

NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
FS Indiana — Indiana at N.Y. Knicks
8 p.m.
FS Ohio — Golden State at Cleveland
8:30 p.m.
ABC — Philadelphia at Boston

NFL FOOTBALL
8 p.m.
FOX — The NFL Honors: From Miami

NHL HOCKEY
1 p.m.
FS Ohio — Columbus at Buffalo

SKIING
5 p.m.
NBC — FIS Freestyle World Cup

SOCCER (MEN'S)
12:20 p.m.
FS2 — Bundesliga: Borussia Monchengladbach vs. RB Leipzig
12:30 p.m.
NBC — Premier League: Wolverhampton at Manchester United
3:55 p.m.
ESPNEWS — FIFA International Friendly: Costa Rica vs. U.S.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN)
Noon
ACCN — Miami at Pittsburgh
1 p.m.
CBS — Georgetown at St. John's
FS1 — Illinois at Iowa
3 p.m.
FS1 — Utah at UCLA

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN)
11 a.m.
SECN — Florida at Vanderbilt
Noon
BTN — Iowa at Michigan
CBSSN — Duquesne at Virginia Commonwealth
ESPNU — South Florida at Connecticut
1 p.m.
SECN — Florida at Kentucky
ESPN2 — Tennessee at South Carolina
FS Midwest — Oklahoma at Kansas
2 p.m.
ACCN — Notre Dame at Georgia Tech
CBSSN — Saint Louis at George Washington
ESPNU — Iowa State at West Virginia
3 p.m.
ESPN2 — Rutgers at Minnesota
SECN — Texas A&M at Louisiana State
5 p.m.
SECN — Arkansas at Missouri

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN)
2 p.m.
BTN — Illinois at Maryland
4 p.m.
ESPN — Auburn at Georgia
PAC-12N — Stanford at Oregon State

COLLEGE WRESTLING
4 p.m.
BTN — Wisconsin at Purdue

FIGURE SKATING
4 p.m.
NBC — European Championships: (taped)

GOLF
4:30 a.m.
GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Saudi International, Final Round, King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi Arabia
1 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Waste Management Phoenix Open, Final Round, Scottsdale, Ariz.
3 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour: The Waste Management Phoenix Open, Final Round, Scottsdale, Ariz.

NBA BASKETBALL
2 p.m.
ABC — Philadelphia at Boston

NFL FOOTBALL
6:30 p.m.
FOX — Super Bowl LIV: San Francisco vs. Kansas City, Miami

NHL HOCKEY
12:30 p.m.
NBC — Pittsburgh at Washington
2 p.m.
FS Ohio —Columbus at Montreal

RODEO
12 p.m.
CBS — PBR: The Express Ranches Invitational, Oklahoma City
4 p.m.
CBSSN — PBR: The Express Ranches Invitational, Oklahoma City

SNOWBOARDING
3 p.m.
NBC — FIS World Cup

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN)
7 p.m.
CBSSN — Lafayette College at Bucknell
ESPN — North Carolina at Florida State
ESPNU — Norfolk State at North Carolina Central
9 p.m.
ESPN — Texas at Kansas
ESPN2 — Baylor at Kansas State

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN)
6 p.m.
BTN — Indiana at Purdue
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — Connecticut at Oregon
SECN — Georgia at Mississippi State
8 p.m.
BTN — Michigan State at Maryland

NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
FS Indiana — Dallas at Indiana
FS Ohio — New York at Cleveland
7:30 p.m.
NBATV — Philadelphia at Miami
10:30 p.m.
NBATV — San Antonio at LA Clippers

NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Philadelphia at Detroit

SOCCER (WOMEN)
5:50 p.m.
FS2 — CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Tournament: Panama vs. Haiti

SPEEDSKATING
11 p.m.
NBCSN — ISU: Four Continents Championships, Milwaukee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN)
7 p.m.
ACCN — Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech
CBSSN — Massachusetts at Rhode Island
ESPN — TBA
ESPN2 — TBA
ESPNU — TBA
FS1 — Rutgers at Maryland
SECN — Auburn at Arkansas
8 p.m.
BTN — Penn State at Michigan State
9 p.m.
CBSSN — Colorado State at Fresno State
ESPN — Mississippi State at Kentucky
ESPN2 — Oklahoma at Texas Tech
FS1 — Xavier at DePaul
SECN — Missouri at Texas A&M
11 p.m.
ESPN2 — Air Force at Nevada

NBA BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
TNT — Milwaukee at New Orleans
10 p.m.
TNT — Portland at Denver

NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
FS Ohio — Florida at Columbus
8 p.m.
FS Midwest — Carolina at St. Louis
NBCSN — Chicago at Minnesota

SOCCER (WOMEN)
6:20 p.m.
FS2 — CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Tournament: Canada vs. Mexico

• Madison

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game and Bowyer was elated to see a leader take over when the Lady Cubs looked to put the game away in the second half.

"That kid has so much heart," Bowyer said of Watson. "Love that kid and it was great for senior night. She came out and played so well and you got to see the intensity that she plays with on her face.

"This group of seniors I remember coaching in the junior high and I knew they were going to be special," Bowyer added. "This group has meant so much to this program and building it back up."

Nutley finished with her second double-double of the week, posting 12 points and 14 rebounds. Lynch added 11 points coming off the bench as Madison put all five seniors on the floor for the start of the game.

Trinity Lutheran (21-3) was led by Tabeling's 16 points but no other Lady Cougar reached double digits. Jaynes, a 6-foot-3 junior, was held to just eight points alongside 5-foot-10 forward Hannah Sabotin who also managed eight.

Madison finishes the regular season at 14-8 and looks to carry momentum into next week's Class 3A Sectional 30 at Charlestown. The Lady Cubs received the bye and play in Friday night's first semifinal against the winner of Tuesday's opening round matchup between Corydon Central and Class 3A No. 6 Silver Creek.

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THURSDAY'S GIRLS GAME
at Madison
MADISON 55,
1A No. 1 TRINITY LUTHERAN 36

TRINITY	**7**	**8**	**8**	**13**	**— 36**
MADISON	**6**	**12**	**22**	**15**	**— 55**

TRINITY LUTHERAN (21-3) — Tabeling 16, Jaynes 8, Sabotin 8, Cockerham 3, E. Schepman 1, E. Goecker 0, K. Schepman 0.
MADISON (14-8) — Watson 13, Nutley 12, Lynch 11, Young 9, Jay 4, Perry 2, Cahall 2, J.Dyer 2, Ferris 0, Ferguson 0, Eades 0.

3-Point Goals — Trinity 3 (Tabeling 2, Cockerham 1), Madison 3 (Nutley 1, Watson 1, Lynch 1). **Rebounds —** Trinity 3 (Tabeling 2, Cockerham 1), Madison 3 (Lynch 1, Nutley 1, Watson 1). **Assists —** Trinity 8 (Jaynes 5), Madison 10 (Lynch 5). **Turnovers —** Trinity 17, Madison 3. **Total Fouls —** Trinity 7, Madison 8. **Free Throws —** Trinity 5-7, Madison 6-9. **Fouled Out —** None.

• Southwestern

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Abby Fulton, Ashton Goode and Trinity McLain — the last at the buzzer — pushed the Rebels into the lead, 41-36.

Southwestern maintained the lead until the 3:32 mark when Anna Hubbard hit a short jumper to put Jac-Cen-Del ahead. Bella Marcum answered with a basket on the other end to put the Rebels back on top, but Hubbard's basket with 2:39 to go pushed the Eagles on top for good.

Paige Ledford, a 6-foot junior forward, and Hubbard, a 6-foot-1 junior center, had their way with the smaller Rebels, as they combined for 27 points and 23 rebounds. Ledford had 15 points and 16 rebounds while Hubbard scored 12 points and seven boards. Hubbard also blocked four shots.

McLain came off the bench to score 14 points and grab five rebounds to lead Southwestern while Goode had 12 points. Marcum had six rebounds and five points and Ellie Foley had five points, four assists and four rebounds.

The Rebels end the regular season with 16 wins, their most in a campaign since the 2011-12 school year. Southwestern hasn't won more that 16 games in a season since the 2007-08 season, which was the last time the Rebels won a sectional title during Brierly's senior year at the school.

Southwestern has beaten every team in the sectional this season — albeit four of the five by four points or less — and enters the tourney at Switzerland County as favorite. But Brierly knows every game will be a battle and her team will have to be ready, starting Tuesday against North Decatur.

"We beat North Decatur earlier in the year but it was only by one and it was a grind it out game like all of our games have been this year," Brierly said. "But I think we're playing much better basketball right now. So hopefully we can come ready and prepared for Tuesday and pull that one out. But North Decatur is a good team also and we have to be ready for anything."

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THURSDAY'S GIRLS GAME
at Hanover
1A No. 7 JAC-CEN-DEL 49,
SOUTHWESTERN 45

JAC-CEN-DEL	**17**	**14**	**5**	**13**	**— 49**
S'WESTERN	**8**	**19**	**14**	**4**	**— 45**

JAC-CEN-DEL (19-4, 6-0 ORVC) — Ledford 15, Hubbard 12, Rider 7, Williams 6, Hughes 5, Kuhn 2, Carroll 2, Dilk 0, Cullen 0.
SOUTHWESTERN (16-7, 5-1 ORVC) — McLain 14, Goode 12, Foley 5, Marcum 5, Fulton 5, Brooks 4, Wilberding 0.

3-Point Goals — Jac-Cen-Del 3 (Williams 2, Rider 1), Southwestern 4 (McLain 2, Goode 1, Fulton 1). **Rebounds —** Jac-Cen-Del 39 (Ledford 16), Southwestern 31 (Marcum 6). **Assists —** Jac-Cen-Del 8 (Kuhn 2, Ledford 2), Madison 8 (Foley 4). **Turnovers —** Jac-Cen-Del 13, Southwestern 9. **Total Fouls —** Jac-Cen-Del 18, Southwestern 15. **Free Throws —** Jac-Cen-Del 6-9, Southwestern 9-19. **Fouled Out —** None.

• Swimming

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2:02.88 and the 100 freestyle in 55.78 and teamed with Ethan Besse, Andrew Stoner and Logan Williams to win the 200 medley relay in 2:07.38 and the 200 freestyle relay in 1:54.79. Besse also won the 200 individual medley in 2:32.61.

Shawe's Ale Giaveri won the boys 50 freestyle in 27.65 and placed second in the 100 backstroke in 1:23.22.

Other finishes for the Southwestern girls were: Bare, second, 200 free, 2:56.36 and second, 100 free, 1:22.46; Owen, third, 100 breast, 1:35.02; and Peyton Howell, fourth, 50 free, 48.70.

Other finishes for the Southwestern boys were: Stoner, second, 200 free, 2:24.78 and third, 50 free, 31.14; Williams, second, 200 IM, 2:58.82 and fourth, 100 back, 1:50.28; and Besse, second, 100 breast, 1:30.94.

Southwestern competes in the Switzerland County Invitational Saturday.

The postseason opens next week when the girls swim in the IHSAA Sectional meet at Floyd Central on Thursday.

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HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panther men dominate 1st half in rout of Mount St. Joe

TAKING FLIGHT: Hanover's Isaac Hibbard (above) glides into the basket during Wednesday's game against Mount St. Joseph. Ty Houston (inset) fires a 3-pointer. Hibbard had 23 points and 10 rebounds in the Panthers' win. (Staff photo by David Campbell)

COURIER STAFF REPORT
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Hanover dominated the first half and rolled to a 60-43 win over Mount St. Joseph in men's basketball Wednesday at home.

The Panthers, now 8-3 and in second place in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, led 33-17 at halftime but outscored the Lions by only one point in the second half.

Isaac Hibbard scored 23 points on 9-of-15 shooting and had 10 rebounds to lead Hanover. The junior from New Albany also had five steals and four assists in an impressive all-around game.

Matt Weimer came off the bench to score 10 points for Hanover which had nine different players score in the game.

Peyton Meadors scored 10 points off the bench to lead Mount St. Joseph.

Hanover, now 14-4 overall on the season, travels to Manchester Saturday then heads to Franklin on Wednesday for a matchup against the league-leading Grizzlies.

Women roll at Mount

Hanover's women found themselves down by two points early but took control over the next three quarters to roll to an easy 77-52 win at Mount St. Joseph on Wednesday.

The Panthers trailed 20-18 after the first period but led 41-32 at halftime and 63-47 after three quarters.

Four of Hanover's five starters reached double figures in scoring, led by senior All-American Alexis Nall who had 25 points on 9-of-12 shooting and added nine rebounds, five steals and four assists. Kristin Mills had 17 points while Katie Hartman and Savannah Courtney each scored 10 points.

Maddie Haberthy had 16 points and Chloe Jansen had 13 to lead Mount.

Hanover, now 11-6 overall and 10-1 in the HCAC, travels to Manchester Saturday and hosts Franklin on Wednesday.

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WEDNESDAY'S MEN'S GAME
at Hanover

HANOVER 60,
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH 43

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH (4-14, 2-9 HCAC) — Meadors 10, Thomas 8, Thomson 8, Luers 8, Paddock 7, Clos 2, Young 0, Day 0, Woods, Robbins 0.

HANOVER (14-4, 8-3 HCAC) — Hibbard 23, Weimer 10, Stewart 8, K. Williams 7, Ratts 4, Houston 2, Robertson 2, Albers 2, Washburn 2, N. Williams 0, Cloncs 0, Garcia 0.

Halftime — Hanover 33-17. **3-Point Goals** — Mount St. Joseph 5 (Luers 2, Thomas 1, Paddock 1, Thomson 1), Hanover 3 (Hibbard 3). **Rebounds** — Mount St. Joseph 34 (Clos 7, Meadors 7), Hanover 37 (Hibbard 10). **Assists** — Mount St. Joseph 8 (Clos 4), Hanover 19 (Ratts 6). **Turnovers** — Mount St. Joseph 18, Hanover 14. **Total Fouls** — Mount St. Joseph 14, Hanover 17. **Free Throws** — Mount St. Joseph 12-18, Hanover 5-12. **Fouled Out** — None.

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WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN'S GAME
at Delphi, Ohio
HANOVER 77,
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH 52

HANOVER	**18**	**23**	**22**	**14**	**— 77**
MT. ST. JOE	**20**	**12**	**15**	**5**	**— 52**

HANOVER (11-6, 10-1 HCAC) — Nall 25, Mills 17, Courtney 10, Hartman 10, Wilder 7, Riggles 3, Blume 2, Tynan 2, Summerville 1, Todd, Welsh 0, Ward 0, Norman 0, Butler 0, Bauer 0.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH (5-13, 4-7 HCAC) — Haberthy 16, Jansen 13, Scott 5, Huff 5, Marcum 5, McCool 4, Fair-Harris 2, Schoolfield 2, Daulton 0, Moody 0.

3-Point Goals — Hanover 6 (Mills 3, Nall 1, Hartman 1, Riggles 1), Mount St. Joseph 3 (Scott 1, Haberthy 1, Marcum 1). **Rebounds** — Hanover 35 (Nall 9), Mount St. Joseph 24 (McCool 5). **Assists** — Hanover 14 (Nall 4, Todd 4), Mount St. Joseph 5 (Scott 2, Jansen 2). **Turnovers** — Hanover 16, Mount St. Joseph 21. **Total Fouls** — Hanover 18, Mount St. Joseph 17. **Free Throws** — Hanover 19-22, Mount St. Joseph 17-27. **Fouled Out** — Mount St. Joseph: Fair-Harris.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

ESTATE DOCKET
39C01-2001-EU-00001

IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF
VELVA M. WEBSTER, DECEASED.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VELVA M. WEBSTER, DECEASED. ESTATE DOCKET 39C1-2001-EU-00001
Notice is hereby given that Tom E. Hatton was, on the 10th day of January, 2020, appointed personal representative of the estate of Velva M. Webster, deceased, who died on 27th day of December, 2019.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within five (5) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within one (1) year after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
dated at Madison, Indiana, this 10th day of January, 2020.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Jefferson County, Indiana.
C01/25, 2/1 hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS: IN THE JEFFERSON COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2001-MI-35
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Raquel Surma,
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Raquel Surma, whose mailing address is Madison, IN 47250, in the Jefferson County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Raquel Surma has filed a petition in the Court requesting that her name be changed to Raquel Furlow.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on March 30, 2020 at 9:00 am.
Raquel Surma, Petitioner
Dated 01/15/2020
C01/18, 25,2/1 hspaxlp

2020
ANNUAL MEETING
The Annual Meeting of the customers of Kent Water Company, Inc. will be held at Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the water company office located at 6162 W. SR 256, Madison, IN 47250. Candidates for election to the Board of Directors are as follows:
DAVID MILLER
TIM MORRISON
TOM DePRIEST
All members are invited to attend.
C1/30, 2/1 hspaxlp

JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA–
E 675 N, 2019-2 CCMG PAVING
Sealed bids will be received by the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, acting by and through the BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (hereinafter referred to as "the Owner"), at the JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFCE at 300 East Main Street, Room 101, Madison, Indiana 47250, until 10:00 AM local time, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2020, for the JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA – E 675 N, 2019-2 CCMG PAVING for the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. Bids received by the time and date specified will be publicly opened and read aloud.
THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF A UNIT PRICE BID FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT SURFACE OVERLAY ON FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION FOR E 675 N IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND RELATED ITEMS.
After review and award of a contract, the Owner will provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor for the specific project. Contractor will then have 10 working days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and until September 4, 2020 to achieve Substantial Completion and October 4, 2020 to complete all work for the project. Contractor will be assessed $300.00 a day liquidated damages for any work remaining over and above either of the specified contract completion dates. Payment to be made on a standard monthly claim basis, with 10% retainage, and said retainage may be held up to three months after the successful completion of this contract. There is no retainage reduction for this project.
Copies of the Contract Documents are on file for review in the Office of the Owner (JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 300 East Main Street, Room 101, Madison, Indiana 47250). Access to an ftp site with the Contract Documents in PDF format is available from the Engineer (FPBH, Inc., 72 HENRY STREET, P. O. Box 47, North Vernon, Indiana, 47265, 812-346-2045) for a non-refundable fee of $50.00 per set. Printed copies of the Contract Documents are available for a non-refundable fee of $50.00 per set. Additional sets may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of $25.00 per set. Partial sets will not be available. Only those plan holders registered through the Engineer will be allowed to submit a bid for the project.
Bids must be submitted on the forms in the Contract Documents and other conditions therein described must be met. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA – E 675 N, 2019-2 CCMG PAVING on the face of the envelope and display the name and address of the bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in a sum equal to 10% of the amount of the bid unless otherwise specified, and a completed Non-Collusion Affidavit. Bid prices must be firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the bid opening date. Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid, the owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as penalty. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum with an approved surety company. Said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of final acceptance of the work.
The JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any or all formalities.
Madison, Indiana January 29, 2020
C02/01, 8 hspaxlp

JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA–
W 800 S, 2019-2 CCMG PAVING
Sealed bids will be received by the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, acting by and through the BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (hereinafter referred to as "the Owner"), at the JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFCE at 300 East Main Street, Room 101, Madison, Indiana 47250, until **10:00 AM** local time, **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2020,** for the JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA – W 800 S, 2019-2 CCMG PAVING for the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. Bids received by the time and date specified will be publicly opened and read aloud.
THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF A UNIT PRICE BID FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT SURFACE OVERLAY ON COLD IN-PLACE RECYCLING FOR W 800 S IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND RELATED ITEMS.
After review and award of a contract, the Owner will provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor for the specific project. Contractor will then have 10 working days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and until September 4, 2020 to achieve Substantial Completion and October 4, 2020 to complete all work for the project. Contractor will be assessed $300.00 a day liquidated damages for any work remaining over and above either of the specified contract completion dates. Payment to be made on a standard monthly claim basis, with 10% retainage, and said retainage may be held up to three months after the successful completion of this contract. There is no retainage reduction for this project.
Copies of the Contract Documents are on file for review in the Office of the Owner (JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 300 East Main Street, Room 101, Madison, Indiana 47250). Access to an ftp site with the Contract Documents in PDF format is available from the Engineer (FPBH, Inc., 72 HENRY STREET, P. O. Box 47, North Vernon, Indiana, 47265, 812-346-2045) for a non-refundable fee of $50.00 per set. Printed copies of the Contract Documents are available for a non-refundable fee of $50.00 per set. Additional sets may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of $25.00 per set. Partial sets will not be available. Only those plan holders registered through the Engineer will be allowed to submit a bid for the project.
Bids must be submitted on the forms in the Contract Documents and other conditions therein described must be met. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA – W 800 S, 2019-2 CCMG PAVING on the face of the envelope and display the name and address of the bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in a sum equal to 10% of the amount of the bid unless otherwise specified, and a completed Non-Collusion Affidavit. Bid prices must be firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the bid opening date. Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid, the owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as penalty. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum with an approved surety company. Said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of final acceptance of the work.
The JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any or all formalities.
Madison, Indiana
January 29, 2020
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JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
N 500 W, 2019-2 CCMG PAVING & BOYD RD., LOCAL PAVING
Sealed bids will be received by the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, acting by and through the BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (hereinafter referred to as "the Owner"), at the JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFCE at 300 East Main Street, Room 101, Madison, Indiana 47250, until 10:00 AM local time, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2020, for the JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA – N 500 W, 2019-2 CCMG PAVING & BOYD RD., LOCAL PAVING for the JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. Bids received by the time and date specified will be publicly opened and read aloud.
THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF A UNIT PRICE BID FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT SURFACE OVERLAYS OF EXISTING COUNTY ROADWAYS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND RELATED ITEMS.
After review and award of a contract, the Owner will provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor for the two specific projects. Contractor will then have 10 working days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and until September 4, 2020 to achieve Substantial Completion and October 4, 2020 to complete all work for the projects. Contractor will be assessed $300.00 a day liquidated damages for any work remaining over and above either of the specified contract completion dates. Payment to be made on a standard monthly claim basis, with 10% retainage, and said retainage may be held up to three months after the successful completion of this contract. There is no retainage reduction for this project.
Copies of the Contract Documents are on file for review in the Office of the Owner (JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 300 East Main Street, Room 101, Madison, Indiana 47250). Access to an ftp site with the Contract Documents in PDF format is available from the Engineer (FPBH, Inc., 72 HENRY STREET, P. O. Box 47, North Vernon, Indiana, 47265, 812-346-2045) for a non-refundable fee of $50.00 per set. Printed copies of the Contract Documents are available for a non-refundable fee of $50.00 per set. Additional sets may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of $25.00 per set. Partial sets will not be available. Only those plan holders registered through the Engineer will be allowed to submit a bid for the project.
Bids must be submitted on the forms in the Contract Documents and other conditions therein described must be met. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA – N 500 W, 2019-2 CCMG PAVING & BOYD RD., LOCAL PAVING on the face of the envelope and display the name and address of the bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in a sum equal to 10% of the amount of the bid unless otherwise specified, and a completed Non-Collusion Affidavit. Bid prices must be firm for a period of ninety (90) days from the bid opening date. Should a successful bidder withdraw his bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance of his bid, the owner may declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as penalty. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum with an approved surety company. Said bond shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year after date of final acceptance of the work.
The JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any or all formalities.
Madison, Indiana January 29, 2020
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
MATERIAL PROCESSING CENTER
SEIRD MADISON, INDIANA

Sealed bids will be received by the Southeastern Indiana Recycling Center, (hereinafter referred to as "the Owner") at 6556 N Shun Pike Road JPG #534, Madison, Indiana until 4:00 PM local time, Wednesday, February 19, 2020 for the construction of a new material processing center located at 6556 N Shun Pike Road JPG#534, Madison, Indiana. Bids received by the time and date specified will then be opened at approximately 7 p.m. at the Board of Directors meeting that evening at the Ripley County Annex building, Versailles, IN 47042.
This project consists of a lump sum bid for the construction of a 40'x128' (5120SF), post-framed building. Work will consist of pouring a new concrete slab, constructing the post-framed structure, insulating walls and ceiling, finishing walls with metal siding on the exterior and interior, and providing electrical system.
After review and award of a contract, the Owner will provide a "Notice to Proceed" to the Contractor. Contractor will then have 21 working days after said "Notice to Proceed" to commence construction and 45 days total to complete all work for this project, for a total of 66 days after issuance of "Notice to Proceed" to project closeout.
Copies of the Contract Documents are on file for review in the SEIRD office and upon email request to seirdproject530@gmail.com. Printed copies of the Contract Documents are available for a non-refundable fee of $100.00 per set. Half-size sets are available for $25.00 per set. Only those plan holders registered through the SEIRD office will be allowed to submit a bid for the project.
A pre-bid conference is scheduled at the site on January 31, 2020 @ 10:00 AM for all bidders.
Bids must be submitted on Contractor's Bid for Public Work Form 96. Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "SEIRD – Material Processing Center Bid" on the face of the envelope and display the name and address of the bidder.
SEIRD reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to waive any or all formalities.
Madison, Indiana
January 22, 2020
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JEFFERSON COUNTY
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CIRCUIT COURT
ESTATE NO.
39C01-1906-EU-00045
IN THE MATTER
OF THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF
THE ESTATE OF
DAVID J. DIRKSEN, DECEASED

NOTICE OF HEIRS, LEGATEES AND CREDITORS
FINAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that Alan J. Dirksen and Douglas D. Dirksen, Co-Personal Representatives of the unsupervised estate of David J. Dirksen, states that the administration of this estate has been completed. All expenses have been paid in relation to the settlement of this estate. There are no remaining duties which need to be accomplished by the Personal Representative and therefore this estate is considered settled and closed.

/s/ Alan J. Dirksen,
Co-Personal Representatives

/s/ Douglas R. Dirksen
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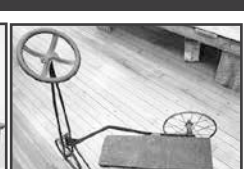

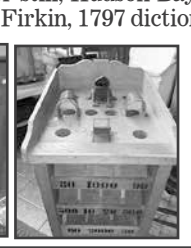

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SATURDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	Fam	Fam	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		Sat. Night Live		News
4 WTTV	4		News	News	Theory	Theory	NCIS CC (DVS)		FBI-Wanted		48 Hours (N)		News
5 WLWT	2		News 5 at 6:00		News	Let's	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		Sat. Night Live		News
8 WISH	12		News	Fam	Ent. Tonight		Castle CC		Castle CC		News	All Ac	News
9 WCPO	23		9 On	ABC	Relief!	Cash	The	NBA Basketball: 76ers at Celtics					9 On
11 WHAS	11	4	ABC	News	Ent. Tonight		The	NBA Basketball: 76ers at Celtics					News
15 WKPC	13		Lawrence Welk		Farmer	Red ...	KY Life	K'tucky	★★★ "...And Justice for All"				Austin
19 WXIX	10		Wheel	J'pardy!	Brady Heist		NFL Honors (N) (Live) CC				FOX19		Music
32 WLKY	5	5	News	News	Wheel	J'pardy!	NCIS CC (DVS)		FBI-Wanted		48 Hours (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Intervention CC		Mom	Mom	Broke	Broke	Two	Two	★★★ "The Last Kiss"		
41 WDRB	8	9	Weird	DIY Sci	Brady Heist		NFL Honors (N) (Live) CC				News	Sports	Music
A&E	28	36	(5:00) Live PD CC				Live PD: Rewind		Live PD "Live PD -- 02.01.20" (N) CC				
AMC	29	26	(4:30) "Elysium"		★★★ "Taken" (2008, Action) CC				Seven Worlds, Planet		(:29) "Taken"		
COM	45	59	"Men in Black"		(6:50) ★★ "Men in Black II" (2002)				★★★ "The Hangover" (2009, Comedy) CC				
DISC	31	38	Expedition Un.		Expedition Un.		Man vs. Bear (N)		Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Alaskan
DISN	25	29	Jessie	Raven	Raven	Raven	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Gabby	Gabby	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	44	College Basketball				College Basketball				Boxing		
FREE	18	40	(5:35) "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"				(:10) ★★★ "Back to the Future" (1985) CC						"Future
FX	40	28	(5:30) ★★ "Ride Along 2" (2016)				★★★ "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"				"Jumanji"		
HBO	201	17	(5:30) ★★ "Aquaman" (2018)				★★ "Alita: Battle Angel" (2019)				The Outsider		Real
MAX	270	73	"Signs"	★★ "Stay Alive" (2006)			★★ "Night School" (2018) CC				(9:55) "The Change-Up"		
PARMT	35	41	(4:00) "Red 2"		★★ "Four Brothers" (2005) Mark Wahlberg.				★★ "Four Brothers" (2005)				
SHOW	221	16	Shame	★★★ "The Help" (2011) Viola Davis.					★★ "The Best of Enemies" (2019)				Shame
TMC	233	74	(5:30) ★★★ "Misery"			(:20) ★★ "The Eye"			★★ "The Beyond" (1981)		★★★ "Zombie"		
TNT	27	43	(5:00) ★★★ "Coach Carter" (2005)				★★ "Pain & Gain" (2013) Mark Wahlberg.				(:45) "2 Guns"		
USA	26	33	"Harry Potter-Phoenix"				(7:49) "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"						Dare
WGN-A	20	20	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last

SUNDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	America's Got Talent CC				Ellen's Game		Ellen's Game		News
4 WTTV	4		News	News	60 Minutes (N)		NCIS CC (DVS)		FBI CC		NCIS: N.O.		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	America's Got Talent CC				Ellen's Game		Ellen's Game		News
8 WISH	12		News	Fam	NCIS: N.O.		Batwoman CC		Supergirl CC		News	Sports	News
9 WCPO	23		9 On	ABC	Funny Videos		Funny Videos		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		9 On
11 WHAS	11	4	ABC	News	Funny Videos		Funny Videos		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		News
15 WKPC	13		Wine	Keep	Phil Spencer's		Howards End		Sanditon-Mast		Vienna Blood (N)		A Place
19 WXIX	10		Pre	Super Bowl LIV San Francisco 49ers vs Kansas City Chiefs.							Post	Masked Singer	
32 WLKY	5	5	News	News	60 Minutes (N)		NCIS CC (DVS)		FBI CC		NCIS: N.O.		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Last	Last	Theory	Theory	Batwoman CC		Supergirl CC		Gold	Gold	Inter.
41 WDRB	8	9	Pre	Super Bowl LIV San Francisco 49ers vs Kansas City Chiefs.							Post	Masked Singer	
A&E	28	36	Live PD (Part 1 of 2) CC				Live PD (Part 2 of 2) CC				(:01) Live PD CC		
AMC	29	26	(:12) Breaking Bad "Fly"		Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad		"The Outsiders"		
COM	45	59	(:15) South Park	South	South	South	South	South	South	South	South	South	South
DISC	31	38	Naked And		Naked And		Afraid		Naked and Afraid "Wretched Wasteland"				
DISN	25	29	"Descendants 2" (2017) CC				"Descendants 3" (2019)			Owl	Bunk'd	Gabby	Gabby
ESPN	32	44	Boxing CC		Countdown:		Inside	Inside	UFC 247		SportC	NFL PrimeTime	
FREE	18	40	(5:30) ★★★ "Back to the Future"				(:10) ★★★ "Back to the Future Part II" (1989) CC						"Future
FX	40	28	★★★ "The Wolf of Wall Street" (2013) Leonardo DiCaprio. CC								Weekly	Weekly	"Bad
HBO	201	17	The New Pope		(6:50) ★★ "Alita: Battle Angel"				The Outsider (N)		Avenue	Curb	Outsi
MAX	270	73	"Ever After: A Cinderella Story"				★★★ "He Got Game" (1998)				(:15) "BlacKkKlansman"		
PARMT	35	41	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SHOW	221	16	Shameless CC		Toon	The Cir	The Cir	Toon	★★ "On the Basis of Sex" (2018)				The Cir
TMC	233	74	★★★ "Flatliners" (1990) CC				★★★ "The Impossible" (2012)				"Rust Creek" (2018)		
TNT	27	43	"What	★★★ "Catch Me if You Can" (2002) CC (DVS)						★★ "San Andreas" (2015, Action)			
USA	26	33	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Biggest
WGN-A	20	20	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Married

MONDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	America's Got Talent (N) CC				Manifest (N)		News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Theory	Neigh	Bob	All Rise (N) CC		Bull (N) CC		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	Holly	Extra	America's Got Talent (N) CC				Manifest (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Inside	ET	All American (N)		Black Lightning		News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		9 On	ABC	9 On	The List	The Bachelor The group travels to Costa Rica. (N)						9 On
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	The Bachelor The group travels to Costa Rica. (N)						News
15 WKPC	13		Com	News	PBS NewsHour		Kentucky Ton.		No Passport		Independ. Lens		Legis.
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	9-1-1: Lone Star		Prodigal Son (N)		FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Neigh	Bob	All Rise (N) CC		Bull (N) CC		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Last	Last	Mod	Theory	All American (N)		Black Lightning		Theory	black-	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	9-1-1: Lone Star		Prodigal Son (N)		News	Sports	News
A&E	28	36	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 02.03.20" (N)				
AMC	29	26	★★ "The Outsiders" (1983) CC				★★ "The Book of Eli" (2010) CC						(:35) "The Duel"
COM	45	59	(:15) The Office		Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Daily
DISC	31	38	Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws "North vs. South" (N) CC						Outlaws
DISN	25	29	Gabby	Raven	Raven	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just	Coop	Sydney	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter (N)		College Basketball				College Basketball				SportC
FREE	18	40	★★ "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War) Ben Affleck. Premiere. CC								Party of Five		700
FX	40	28	"Interstellar"		★★★ "Avatar" (2009) Sam Worthington. CC							★★★ "Avatar"	
HBO	201	17	The Outsider		(6:50) ★★★ "Bridesmaids" (2011)				The New Pope		McMillion$ CC		McMil
MAX	270	73	(5:40) ★★★ "Get On Up" (2014)				★★★ "The Hate U Give" (2018)				(:15) "Crazy Rich Asians"		
PARMT	35	41	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SHOW	221	16	"Green Book"		The Cir	"The Wedding Guest"			(:15) ★★ "Donnybrook" (2018)				Desus
TMC	233	74	(5:35) ★★★ "Gosford Park" (2001)				★★★ "Shakespeare in Love"				"A League of Their Own"		
TNT	27	43	"The Huntsman: Winter's War"				★★ "Suicide Squad" (2016) Will Smith.					"Dark Knight"	
USA	26	33	Mod	Mod	Mod	Mod	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) CC						Biggest
WGN-A	20	20	Blue Bloods		Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Carter

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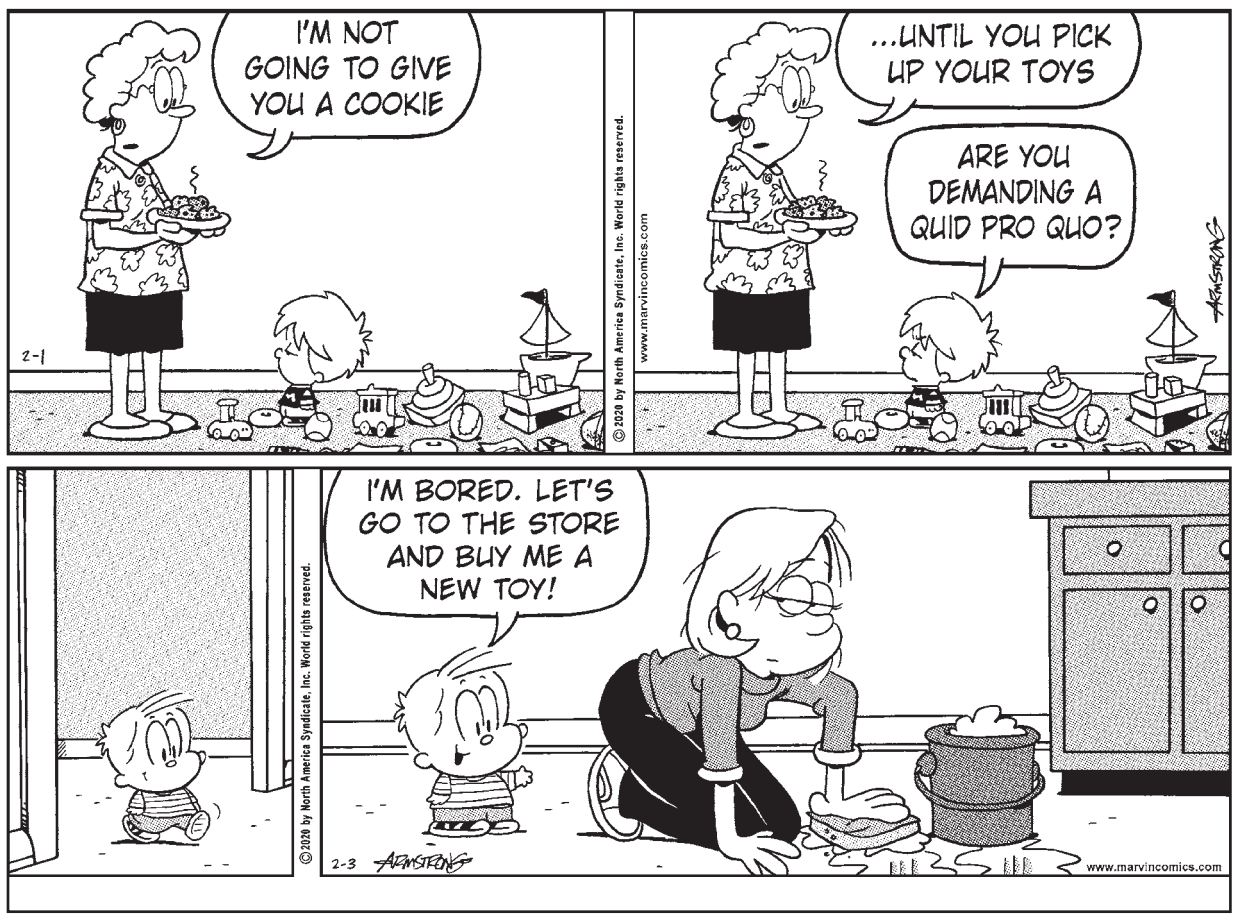
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SCHULZ

ALLEY OOP

LISTEN, DOC, THIS BREAK ROOM IS... NICE... BUT ALLEY AND I WOULD LIKE TO GO HOME FOR A BIT.
I NEED TO FEED DINNY AND MEGGS.
SURE. OF COURSE. I GET IT. YOU TWO GO HAVE FUN.
WELL, I GUESS IT'S JUST YOU AND ME, RADIO.
AVA, THAT BREAK ROOM IS TERRIBLE. HAVE IT CONVERTED BACK TO YOUR OFFICE AT ONCE.
CAN I HAVE THE RADIO?
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ALLEY, I KNOW WE JUST GOT BACK, BUT WE HAVE A MISSION FROM A VERY IMPORTANT CLIENT. ARE YOU BUSY?
ACTUALLY...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALLEY
WELL, I'M KINDA BUSY.
WE HAVE GOT TO UNIONIZE.
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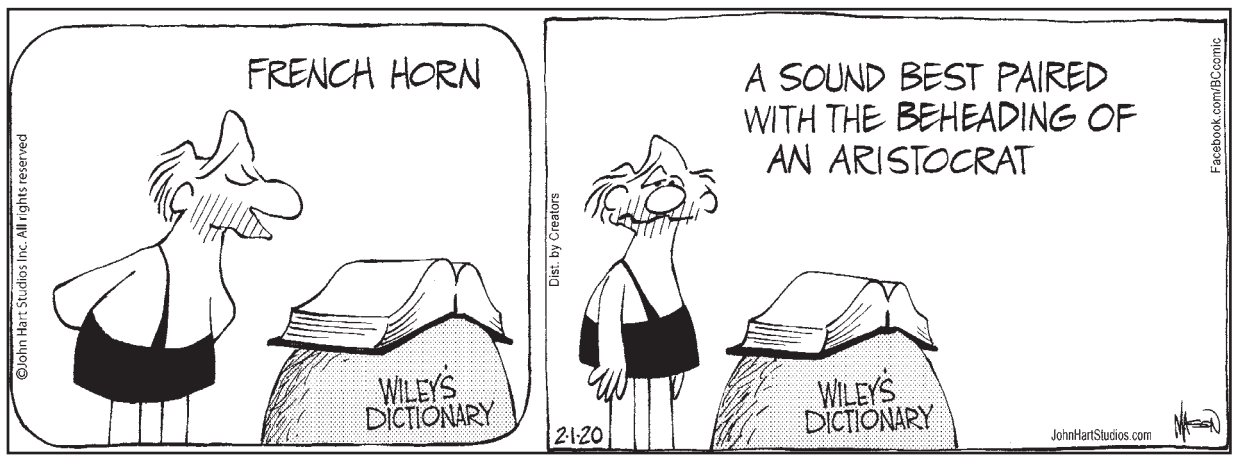

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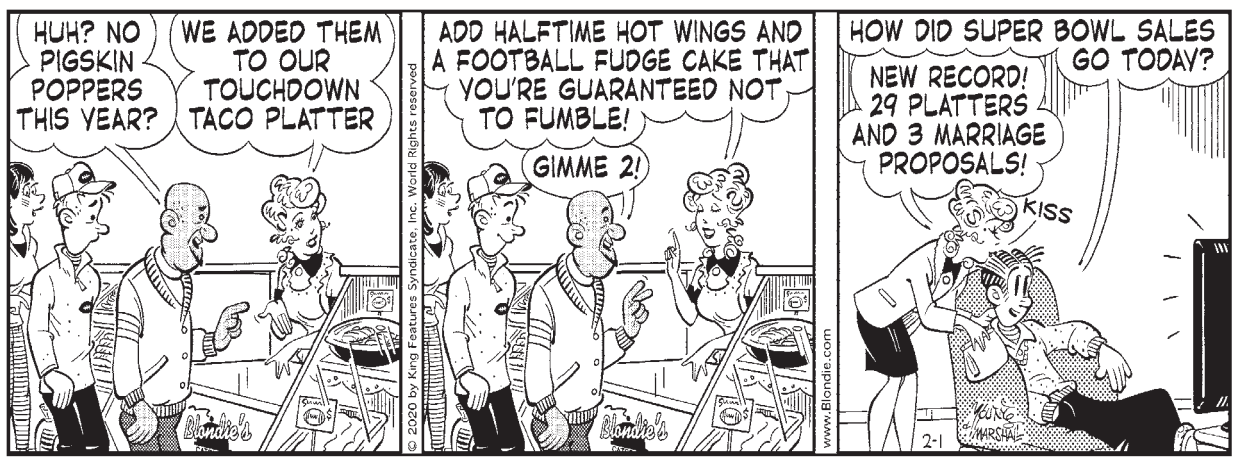
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WE ADDED THEM TO OUR TOUCHDOWN TACO PLATTER
ADD HALFTIME HOT WINGS AND A FOOTBALL FUDGE CAKE THAT YOU'RE GUARANTEED NOT TO FUMBLE!
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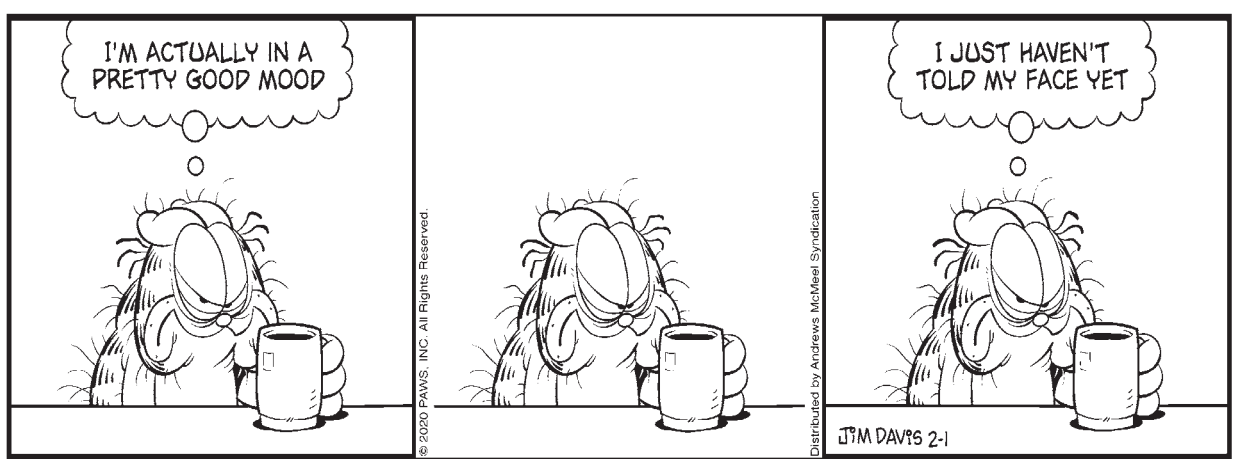
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ACROSS

1 Layered do
5 Ms. Ferber
9 Politico — Landon
12 Tart
13 Places
14 Regret
15 Memorandum
16 Oil lamp cord
17 Floor pad
18 Eucalyptus diners
20 Gush forth
22 Pronounce
23 Dik-dik kin
24 Horse
27 Ilsa of "Casablanca"
30 Witch, to Shakespeare
31 Ms. Paretsky
33 Singer — Adams
35 Embraces
37 Use a ballot
39 — out a living
40 Magnate
42 Monet's stand
44 Purchase
45 Compete in a slalom
46 Go slowly
49 Soaked up the sun
52 Pillbox or bowler
53 Alpine goat
55 Mr. Pavlov
57 Ill temper
58 Withered
59 Sandwich seller
60 Coop
61 Brooding birds
62 Striped stone

DOWN

1 9-digit ID
2 Latch
3 Wheels
4 Bribe, informally
5 Broncos great John —
6 Lecturer's spot
7 Wall St. locale
8 Inquiring
9 Tattoo sites
10 Where poi is served
11 Banquet
19 Boys
21 Confident
23 Biting fly
24 Library caution
25 Under tension
26 Like omelets
27 Magnets attract it
28 Bad day for Caesar
29 Netherlands sight
32 River in England
34 Japanese delicacy
36 Barge
38 Cartoon shrieks
41 Overly solemn
43 A martial art
45 Jazz instruments
46 Gambling token
47 One in a million
48 Egyptian sun god
49 Capital near Zurich
50 Flush with
51 "What's My Line" host
54 Hive dweller
56 Veto

Answer to Previous Puzzle

K	A	L	E	■	F	I	S	H	■	U	F	O
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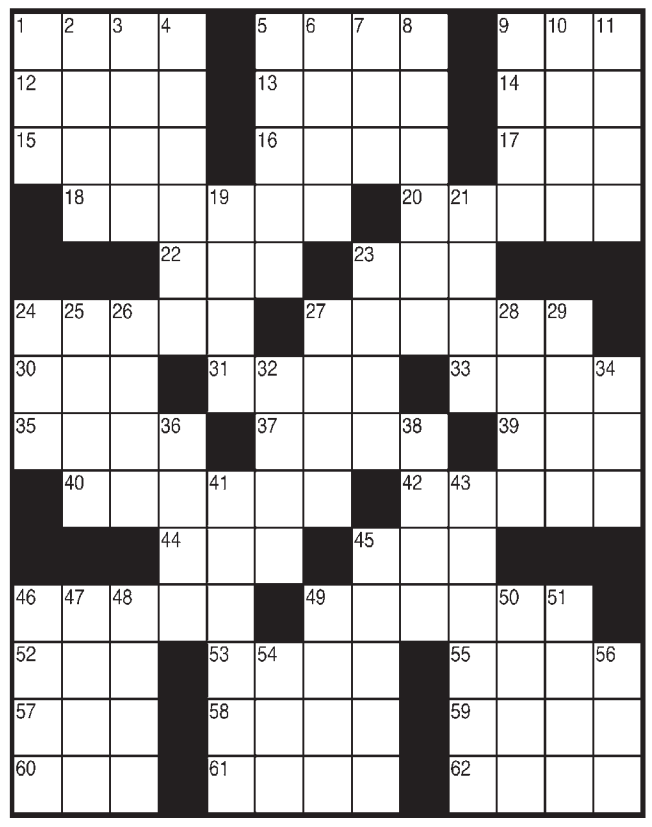

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ACROSS

1 Caribou kin
4 Crafty
7 Youngster
10 Itch
11 Twitter
13 Finish a cake
14 Kind of trip
15 Give an address
16 That woman
17 Followed orders
19 Spud
21 Modern
22 Game piece
23 Preside
26 Malady
30 Chieftain
31 Musical scale note
32 Princess perturber
33 Chest-beater
34 Have a mortgage
35 Count (on)
36 Border river
39 Feudal estates
40 Filbert
41 Place (abbr.)
42 Foretell
45 Beat the rap
48 Hosp. staffer
49 Taken — (startled)
51 RV haven
53 — — glance
54 Fries and slaw
55 Constantly, to Poe
56 Leave wide-eyed
57 Danson or Kennedy
58 Title of respect, in India

DOWN

1 Observe
2 Construction toy
3 Drawer part
4 Mouselike animal
5 Conduct
6 So far
7 Roster
8 Pang
9 Woodlands grazer
11 More demure
12 Peony part
18 Writer — Bagnold
20 First name in advice
22 Mme.'s daughter
23 Plaid wearers
24 Kachina maker
25 Field of study
26 The Hawkeyes
27 Fencer's weapon
28 Type of interest
29 Responds
31 Type
35 Stack of wood
37 Veld grazer
38 Halos
39 Mom and Pop
41 Drew together
42 — — unto itself
43 — — speed
44 What mice do
45 Play in the kiddie pool
46 Really skimps
47 Mover and shaker
50 Crumb
52 "Exodus" name

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	H	A	G	■	E	D	N	A	■	A	L	F
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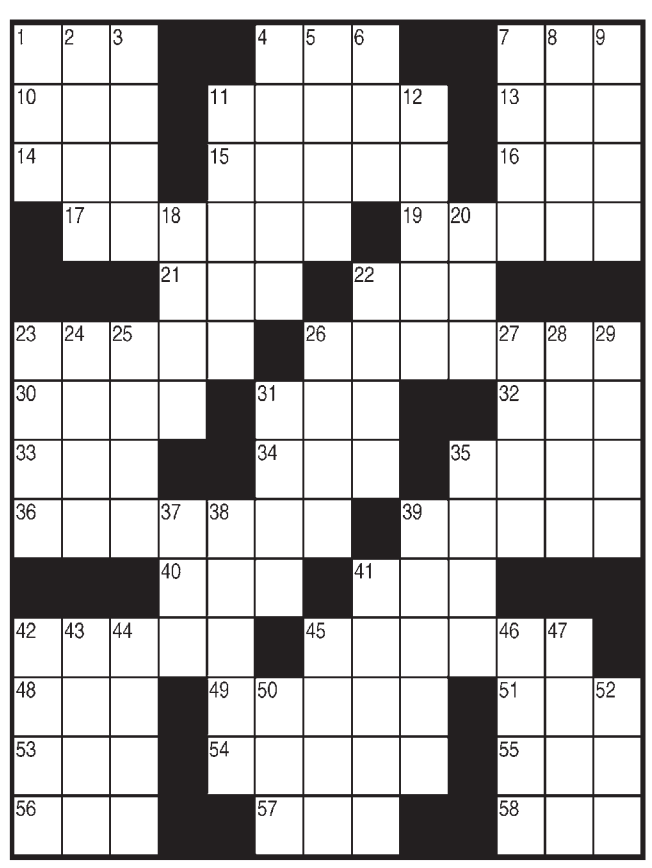

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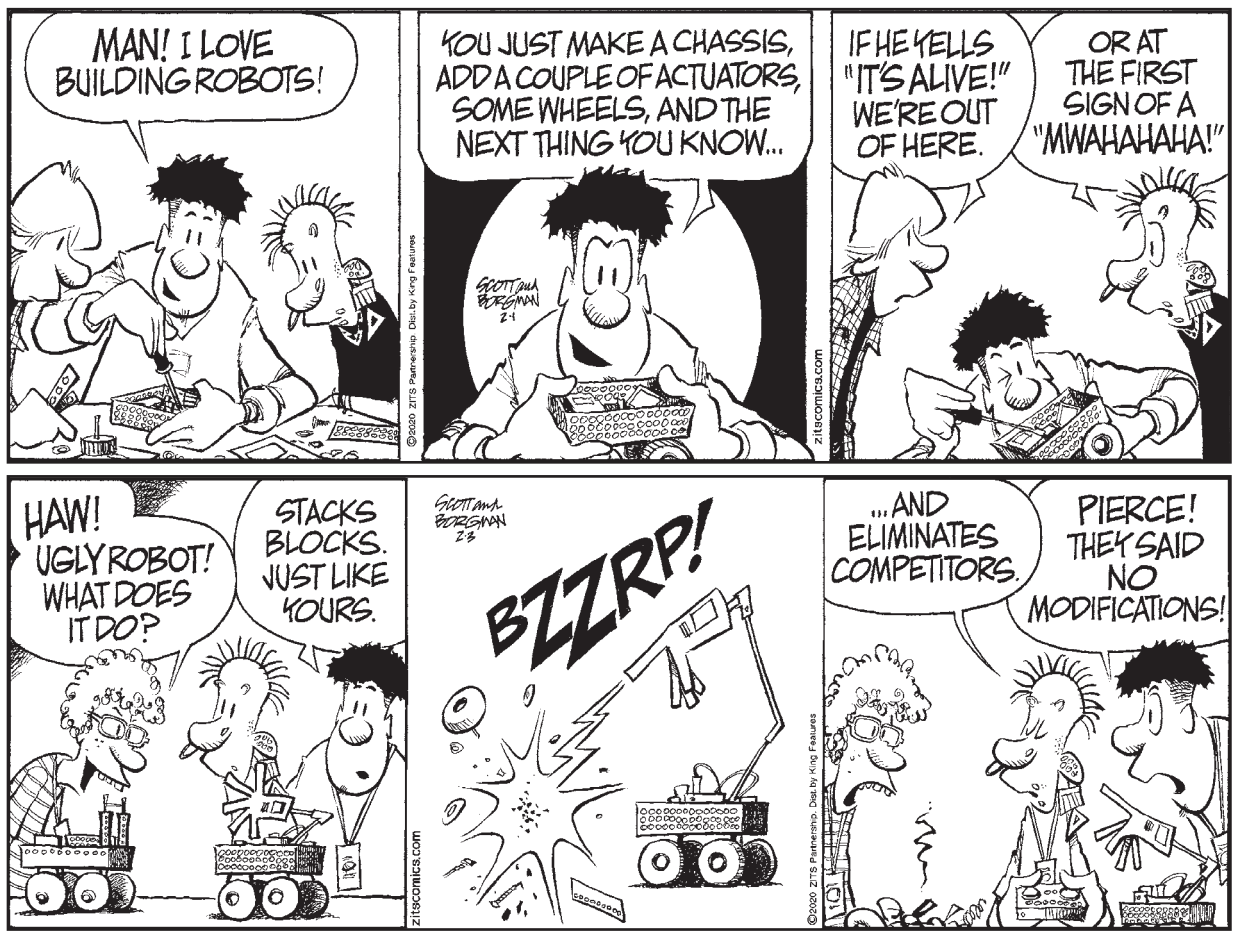
MAN! I LOVE BUILDING ROBOTS!
YOU JUST MAKE A CHASSIS, ADD A COUPLE OF ACTUATORS, SOME WHEELS, AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW...
IF HE YELLS "IT'S ALIVE!" WE'RE OUT OF HERE.
OR AT THE FIRST SIGN OF A "MWAHAHAHA!"
HAW! UGLY ROBOT! WHAT DOES IT DO?
STACKS BLOCKS. JUST LIKE YOURS.
BZZRP!
...AND ELIMINATES COMPETITORS.
PIERCE! THEY SAID NO MODIFICATIONS!
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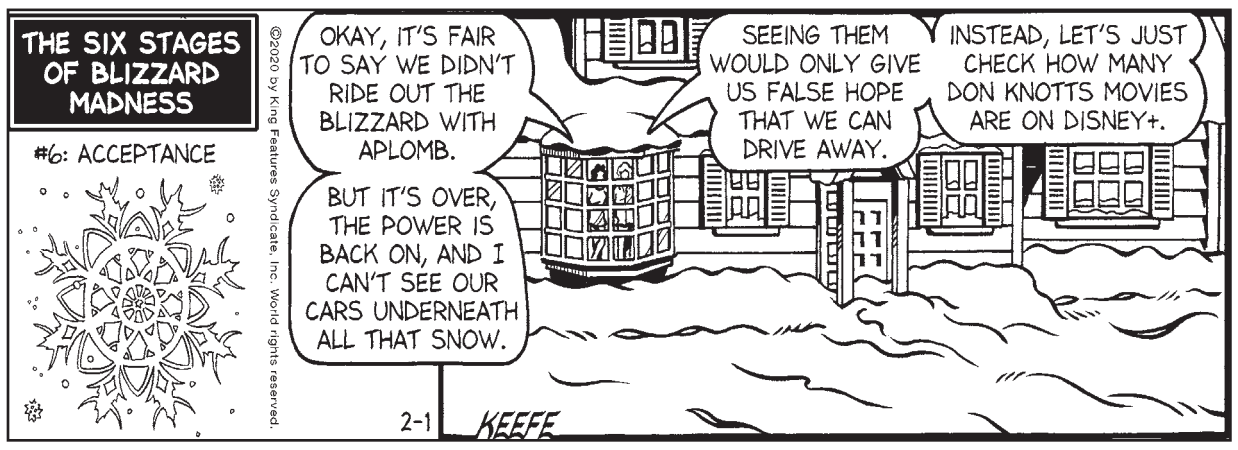
SALLY FORTH


THE SIX STAGES OF BLIZZARD MADNESS
#6: ACCEPTANCE
OKAY, IT'S FAIR TO SAY WE DIDN'T RIDE OUT THE BLIZZARD WITH APLOMB.
BUT IT'S OVER, THE POWER IS BACK ON, AND I CAN'T SEE OUR CARS UNDERNEATH ALL THAT SNOW.
SEEING THEM WOULD ONLY GIVE US FALSE HOPE THAT WE CAN DRIVE AWAY.
INSTEAD, LET'S JUST CHECK HOW MANY DON KNOTTS MOVIES ARE ON DISNEY+.
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KEEFE
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AFTER COCOONING IN THE HOUSE THE ENTIRE BLIZZARD, WE REALLY NEED TO CLEAN UP THIS PLACE.
AND I NEED TO START SHOVELING THE DRIVEWAY.
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIL TO HELP?
YOU KNOW, THAT NEVER OCCURS TO ME. I GUESS I'M JUST SO USED TO IMMEDIATELY HEADING OUT THERE AND DOING THINGS MYSELF.
"IMMEDIATELY"? LAST YEAR YOU WAITED FOR THE FINAL LEAF TO FALL BEFORE RAKING AND TODAY YOU TRIED TO CONVINCE US BLIZZARDS ALWAYS RETURN TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.
YEAH, I, UH... I WAS JUST SO COZY INSIDE.
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KEEFE
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BORN LOSER

HELLO, THORNAPPLE! I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO YOU'RE PICKING TO WIN THE BIG GAME.
SURE, CHIEF! YOU WANT TO GET THE LOWDOWN FROM ME SO YOU'LL KNOW WHO TO BET ON, RIGHT?
ON THE CONTRARY, I WANT TO KNOW WHO NOT TO BET ON!
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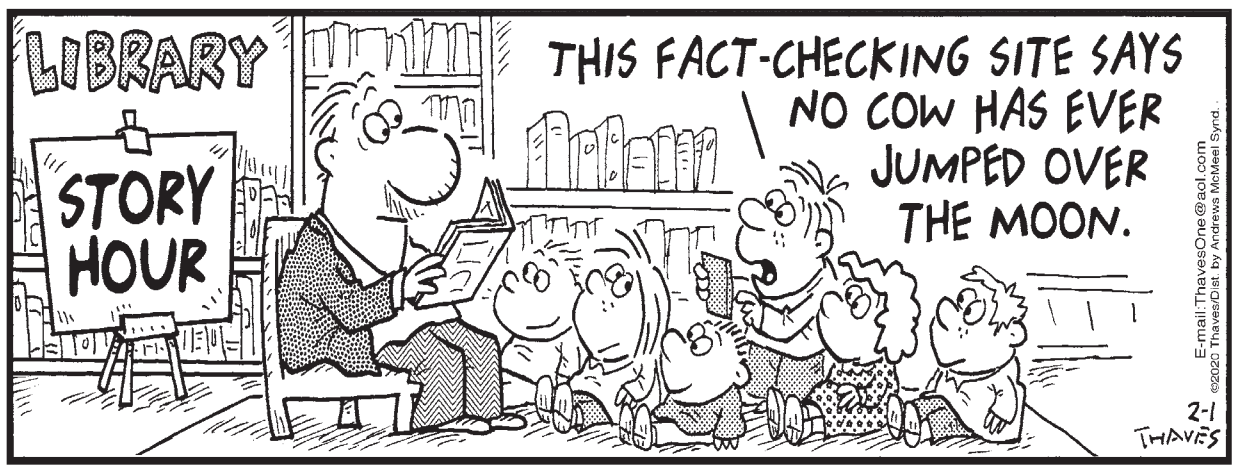
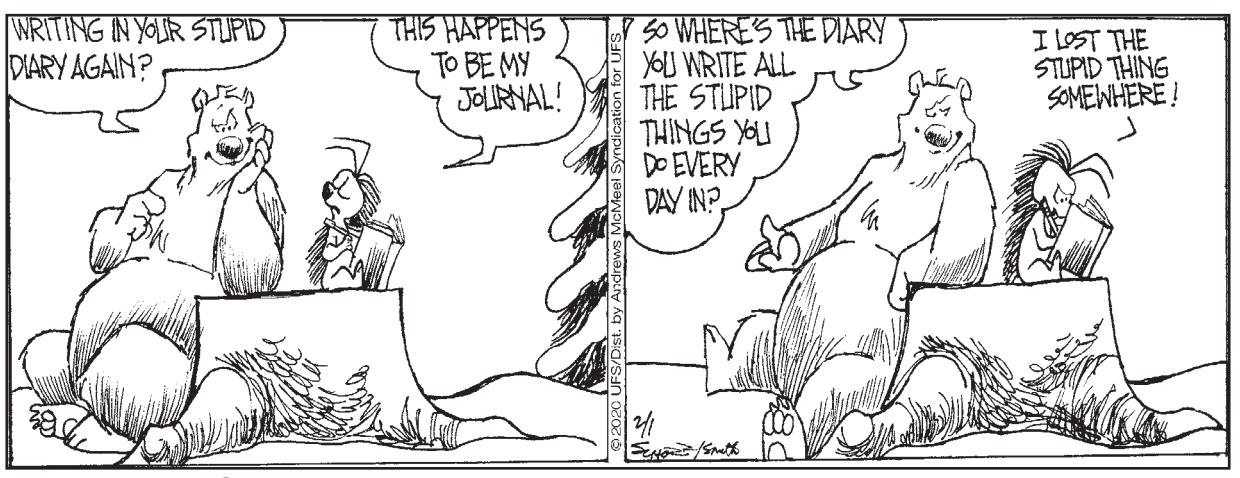


GRIZZWELLS


WRITING IN YOUR STUPID DIARY AGAIN?
THIS HAPPENS TO BE MY JOURNAL!
SO WHERE'S THE DIARY YOU WRITE ALL THE STUPID THINGS YOU DO EVERY DAY IN?
I LOST THE STUPID THING SOMEWHERE!
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WIZARD OF ID

IT'S THE KISSING BANDIT!
AREN'T YOU GOING TO KISS US?
I DON'T DO THAT THESE DAYS, Y'ALL BROUGHT BACK MEASLES
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	2	6	9	8	1	4	3	7
3	8	1	4	5	7	6	9	2
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7	5	2	8	1	4	3	6	9
8	1	9	3	7	6	2	5	4

BRIDGE

THE OTHER ANSWERS ASSUME IMPORTANCE

Here are my answers to the remaining Christmas Competition questions.

3. How would the bidding proceed if East were the dealer? My choice is given in the diagram. That East hand is worth an opening bid, having no rebid problem. South is too strong for a simple overcall. West raises to the 10-trick level because he knows of at least a 10-card fit. North can hardly risk passing. Then South bids what he hopes his partner can make, although he might first employ Roman Key Card Blackwood.

4. Look only at the North hand. a. West deals and opens two hearts, a weak two-bid. b. South opens one heart, and West overcalls two diamonds. What should North do in each case? a. Pass (do not pre-empt against a pre-empt). b. Pass (maybe three spades, if weak, or a negative double).

5. Look only at the East hand. North opens one no-trump. a. What should East do? b. Whatever East calls, South jumps to three no-trump. What should East lead? a. Two hearts if it shows a heart-minor two-suiter. If it would be natural, pass (not having a six-card suit). b. Diamond king.

6. Look only at the South hand. a. North opens one heart, and East passes.

North 02-01-20
♠ K Q 10 8 6 3
♥ 8
♦ 5 4 2
♣ 5 3 2

West
♠ 2
♥ Q J 9 7 4
♦ 7 6
♣ J 10 8 7 6

East
♠ 5
♥ K 10 5 3 2
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ K 9 4

South
♠ A J 9 7 4
♥ A 6
♦ A J 8 3
♣ A Q

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
			1♥
Dbl.	4♥	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

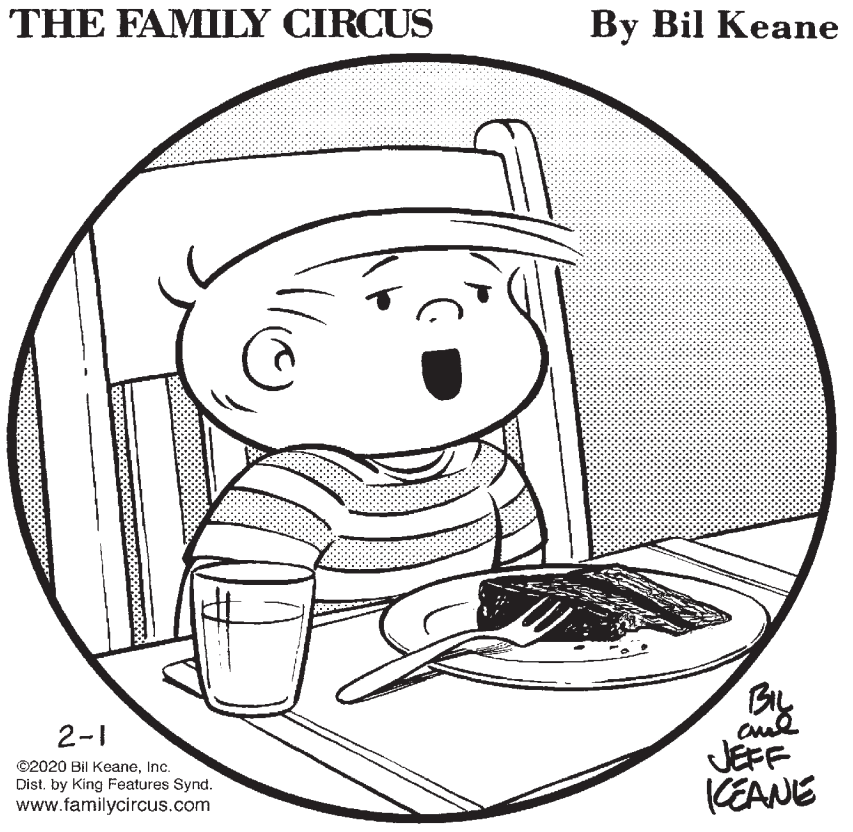
Opening lead: ??

b. East opens one spade(!). What should South do in each case? a. One spade. There is no hurry. b. Double (though pass might work better).

7. Look only at the West hand. a. North opens one diamond, East makes a takeout double, and South responds one spade. b. East opens two hearts, a weak two-bid, and South makes a takeout double. What should West do in each case? a. Two hearts. b. Four hearts ... or Blackwood!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Yes, but isn't chocolate cake loaded with vitamins, too?"

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"N BNGD UKPJOE TAJ LFEP CDKJYD PAUP SDOEJV UVM PADV ODUKP, UVM UMUY (MONWDO) NE KJYSBDPDBX ODUKPNWD NV PAUP TUX." — LNY LUOYFEKA

Previous Solution: "I can settle back and do what I want to do. And what I wan to do is card tricks and magic." — Harry Anderson

TODAY'S CLUE: K equals G

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Realtors recognize 2019 sales

2020 board takes over and 2019 awards given

The Jefferson County Board of Realtors announced the new 2020 board and award winners in excess of $2 million, $4 million and $6 million at its annual banquet and award ceremony Friday, Jan. 17 at the Madison Elks Lodge.

Those who were awarded the 2019 President's Award for annual sales in excess of $2 million (above, left) included (back row, left) J.R. Harrell from Coldwell Banker Harrell and Associates, Jason Schafer from Century 21 RVRE, Zack Hatton from Century 21 RVRE, Mark Jenkins from F.C. Tucker Scott Lynch Group, (front row, left) Linda Bruther from Century 21 RVRE, Carsha Strouse from F.C. Tucker Scott Lynch Group and Jessica Butler from Coldwell Banker Harrell and Associates. Not pictured is Sally Wurtz from Coldwell Banker Harrell and Associates. (Submitted photos)

The 2019 Distinguished Realtors for annual sales in excess of $4 million (above, right) was awarded to (left) Margie Macon from Hoosier Hills Realty Cliff Robinson Real Estate, Judy Hoffman from Hoosier Hills Realty Cliff Robinson Real Estate and Jackie Armel Greene from Coldwell Banker Harrell and Associates.

The 2019 Realtor Award of Excellence Winners for sales in excess of $6 million (left) was awarded to (left) Brenda Eversole from Century 21 RVRE, Jim Pruett from eXp Realty, Nancy Sobeck from F.C. Tucker Scott Lynch Group and Tony Bilz from F.C. Tucker Scott Lynch Group.

The 2020 Jefferson County Board of Realtors include Zack Hatton, president; Jackie Armel Greene, vice president; Judy Hoffman, secretary; Richard Armstrong, treasurer, and Candice Fulk-McDole, Margie Macon, and Jason Schafer, directors.

Special events

TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
- Jefferson County Public Library in Madison
- Ongoing
- Teens can volunteer after filling out an application, a background check and registering
- www.mjcpl.org, 812-265-2744

February 1

4-H BEEF TAGGING
- Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds
- 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Youth or 4-H members can bring and tag their beef steer, heifer and/or dairy steer to show at the 4-H County Fair

POUND
- Trimble County Public Library
- 9 a.m.
- A combination of cardio and weight training using drumsticks to music
- www.trimblelibrary.org, 502-255-7362

MEET A SNAKE!
- Clifty Falls State Park Nature Center
- 10 a.m.
- Find out where snakes are hiding this winter
- 812-273-0609, kleach@dnr.in.gov

VALENTINE CARD MAKING
- Trimble County Public Library
- 1 p.m.
- Make your own Valentine cards
- www.trimblelibrary.org, 502-255-7362

WATERFALL HIKE
- Clifty Falls State Park Clifty Shelter
- 2 p.m.
- One-hour moderately rugged hike through one of the most scenic sections of Clifty Canyon
- 812-273-0609, kleach@dnr.in.gov

February 3

MOVING FOR BETTER HEALTH
- Brown Gym
- 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Free strength and balance exercise class
- 812-273-1072

CCCEC LITERACY NIGHT
- Carroll County Public Library
- 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Play with early literacy activities, crafts and a story time for ages zero to 5
- www.carrollcountylibrary.org, 502-732-7020

YOGA
- Trimble County Public Library
- 6 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Have a non-profit, school or group event coming up? Have it published free in the "Looking Ahead" calendar.
Submit events online at www.madisoncourier.com or email them to zelda@madisoncourier.com

- Practice self-care with yoga
- www.trimblelibrary.org, 502-255-7362

February 4

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE
- Jefferson County Public Library in Madison
- 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- A story and activity time for children ages 6 months to 35 months. Registration required
- www.mjcpl.org, 812-265-2744

B4K STORY HOUR
- Carroll County Public Library
- 11 a.m.
- A story hour for younger readers or those learning to read
- www.carrollcountylibrary.org, 502-732-7020

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS
- Trimble County Public Library
- 3:30 p.m.
- Play this tabletop role-playing game and create your own adventure
- www.trimblelibrary.org, 502-255-7362

KIDS ART CLASS
- Trimble County Public Library
- 3:30 p.m.
- Ms. Bethany Lester from TCPS will teach this free art class. Registration is required
- www.trimblelibrary.org, 502-255-7362

4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING SESSIONS
- Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds Community Building
- 4:30 p.m.
- All youth can attend whether they plan to judge on the 4-H team or not.

4-H JUNIOR LEADER MEETING
- Jefferson County 4-H Extension Office
- 6 p.m.
- This meeting is open to all 4-Hers in grades 7 to 12

TCHS 2020 Homecoming

Larry Lathan was crowned king, Abby Ponder crowned queen (both above), Tanner Smith crowned prince and Maggie Ginn crowned princess (both below) at Trimble County High School's homecoming game Saturday, Jan. 25 against Villa Madonna. The court also included Bailey Turner, Macy Stark, Mackenzie Herman, Brianna Pettit, Caroline May, Olivia Arvin, Dalton Penick, Jalen Jett, Reece Webster, Joshua Petty, Austin Cissell and James Thomas Wilcoxson. (Submitted photos)

Grieving son defames deceased father, ignores stepmother

Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My stepson said many nasty, derogatory, hurtful things about his recently deceased father. My husband was well-respected by his peers and friends. Yes, he had his faults, but I loved him dearly, and he was a very good man.

I wrote my stepson, let's call him "Dan," and told him how hurt I was and to say nothing about how I felt about his remarks was telling Dan I agreed with him. Dan did not respond to my letter after several months.

Now the dilemma. Birthdays are coming up. I do not want to send Dan a birthday/gift card as usual; I do not want any further contact with him since he has not responded to me.

Here's my question: Do I send his wife and children birthday/gift cards? They live out of state and I rarely saw them in the past. — Stung Stepmom

Dear Stung: I am so sorry for your loss. It's cliche but true: Everyone grieves in his own way. Your stepson's hostility might have been his; beneath the raging surface could be unseen depths of pain. Hopefully, he will seek counseling to deal with any unresolved aggravation he felt toward his dad. I encourage you to leave the door open to reconnecting with him should he try to make amends.

In the meantime, keep sending birthday cards to your daughter-in-law and stepgrandchildren. The grandchildren are an extension of your husband, after all, and I think you'd regret losing contact with them.

Dear Annie: If my mother is sending a box to me, she makes sure I know it's coming, bugs me till it's here and expects up-to-date information that I've gotten it. Yet, she won't do the same in return. I track my package, know it was delivered to her porch, wait, and will not get a call or text that it's been received.

I make sure to thank her for her gift and tell her what we've done with the money, but have to ask her if she opened or liked what I sent. It's maddening to be nagged but not ever thanked or acknowledged in return! I could have her sign for the package, but that's not the point. I want her to tell me like she wants me to tell her! Am I wrong to be frustrated? — A Little Gratitude

Dear ALG: Whether you're wrong or right to be frustrated is beside the point here. You are frustrated, and you will continue to be unless you say something to your mother about these apparent double standards. Frame it as a conversation about your feelings, not about her inconsideration. Start with something like: "When you didn't let me know that you received the package I sent, it made me feel as though you didn't like the gift." If the problem persists and your resentment accumulates, stop sending her gifts; just send a card.

"Ask Me Anything: A Year of Advice From Dear Annie" is out now! Annie Lane's debut book — featuring favorite columns on love, friendship, family and etiquette — is available as a paperback and e-book. Go to http://www.creatorspublishing.com for more information. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

BIRTHDAYS

February 1, 2020
- Jalahn Honaker - 17
- Courtney Leon
- Wesley Turner - 96

February 2, 2020
- Pam McCane

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